



Holy Family Primary School Newsletter

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Week 1

Religious Education Matters

Gospel Reflection

This week we commemorated ANZAC Day. As Christians, we find no joy in war. Peace not war must always be our goal. Yet when war is necessary those who take up arms on our behalf must be supported and respected. When they are injured in the course of such action they should be confident of our nation's assistance. When they are killed, we should give thanks to God for their sacrifice, and maintain fitting memorials to remind us, and future generations, of the cost of our freedom.



This week ANZAC Day falls, fittingly, between two Gospels from John where Jesus is preparing the disciples for his final departure. In last Sunday's Gospel Jesus issued us with his 'new commandment: love one another; just as I have loved you, you also must love one another. By this love you have for one another, everyone will know that you are my disciples.'

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus leaves peace as his farewell. 'Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you, a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you.'

We pray for our Church that we may always be an example of refuge, love and mercy around the world and that we may strive to live in peace and justice through the example of Jesus.



Sacramental Program

Enrolment forms for the Sacrament of Penance and the Sacrament of the Eucharist need to be returned by next Monday 2nd of May. Forms for the Sacrament of Confirmation will go home with Yr5 and 6 children today. These need to be returned by Monday 9th of May. If you wish your child to participate in these sacraments and they have not received a form then please see Mr Bawden.

God Bless
Stephen Bawden
Religious Education Coordinator

In Christ we Live, Love and Learn.

Principal's Message

Welcome back to another term of learning and community building. This term we will trial our new formal student report. We have finalised the formatting and a meeting will be scheduled in the next few weeks to share the new look report with our parents. This term the children in Years 3 and 5 will join thousands of children in Australia and participate in NAPLAN. Some of our students will continue their faith journey and receive the Sacraments of Penance and First Eucharist. We have organised many opportunities for parents to visit our school and witness the great learning in classes and socialise with community members at Holy Family. Parents are also invited to join us for many Liturgical and Eucharistic celebrations. Let us all pray together as one Holy Family for a peaceful and hope-filled term.

We welcome a new member of staff. I wish to introduce our new Year 2 Class teacher Mr Sean Murphy. Mr Murphy will replace Mrs Eid who will enjoy the next few months relaxing at home awaiting the arrival of her third child. Mr Murphy is an experienced teacher who comes highly recommended from his previous school. I am sure he will feel our community spirit in no time at all.

Live Jesus in your heart

Mrs Baird

Mothers' Day Celebration

I invite our mothers and grandmothers to join us for a Mothers' Day celebration on Friday the 6th of May. A formal invitation went home with your child this week. I look forward to sharing this very special event with you.

Mothers' Day stall

On Thursday the 5th of May, students will have the opportunity to purchase a special gift for their mother or mother figure in their life. The gifts range in price from \$5 to \$10. I invite parents to send in appropriate money on the day and place it safely in your child's bag.

Mothers' Day gift wrapping

Volunteers are needed to wrap the many gifts for our Mothers' Day stall. Gift wrapping will occur on Monday the 2nd of May at 9am in the Parish Hall. Please fill out the volunteer note that went home this week. Tea and Coffee and morning tea will be provided.

Cross Country Team

Next Tuesday our Cross Country Squad will be participating at the Diocesan Carnival at Eastern Creek. I wish the team all the best for a great day.

No ICT service at Holy Family

Next Tuesday all our ICT cables will be upgraded. This means that we will not have access to the internet for the day. All our systems depend on the internet for communication and phones. Our phone service will be diverted to the school mobile. Please keep calls to the school- urgent matters only. Our services will resume by Wednesday. I wish to thank the Catholic Education Office Parramatta for continuing to provide us with up to date ICT services.

Principal's Message

Peer Review

Each year our school undertakes a Peer Review. This means that our teaching programs are scrutinised by our system leaders and colleagues from other school to ensure that we are always compliant with the BOSTES regulation. This year Kindergarten will be reviewed. I would like to thank our teachers for their continued high professional standard that they continue to maintain each year. Our reviews are always very positive and consistent with government and BOSTES regulations. Thank you teachers !!

Fundraising Committee Meeting

Our first fundraising committee meeting will be held on Thursday the 28th of April at 2pm in the hall. The response for committee members has been very positive. I am looking forward to beginning this journey with our new committee. If you would like to attend but have not replied, you are more than welcome.

Reminder for families

If, at any time, you find that you have a concern with the school, you are encouraged to come to the school and speak with the teacher/s, assistant principal and /or principal to find a resolution for your concern.

It is our aim to work with all members of our school community to ensure that we do the very best we can to provide a productive , safe and enjoyable learning experience for our students and professionally fulfilling experience of our staff.

If you would like to raise a concern formally, the Catholic Education Office has procedures for ensuring that complaints are handled fairly. Information about how to lodge a complaint and a Complaint form are available from the school office or in the Complaint Handling Policy and Procedures. These documents can be accessed on the school website

<http://www.hfgranville.catholic.edu.au> or system website www.parra.catholic.edu.au

Calendar



April/May

Thursday 28th April	2:00-3:00pm Fundraising Committee Meeting
Monday 2nd May	9:00am Mothers' Day Gift Wrapping Parish Hall
Tuesday 3rd May	Zone Cross Country
Friday 6th May	Mothers' Day Stall
Friday 6th May	1:00-2:00pm Picnic Lunch
Friday 6th May	2:15-3:00pm Liturgy & Blessing of Mother Mary Statue
Tuesday 10th May	Year 3 & Year 5 NAPLAN Language Conventions
Wednesday 11th May	Year 3 & Year 5 NAPLAN Reading
Thursday 12th May	Year 3 & Year 5 NAPLAN Numeracy

Birthday Wishes!

Congratulations to the following students who celebrate their birthday this week

*Joelle Jaouk, Diana Ibarah, Kristina Ibarah,
Peter Tabach & Sebastian El Katrib*



2017 Enrolments

Kindergarten Enrolment Packages are available from the office for collection. Please notify family, friends and neighbours wishing to enrol their child at Holy Family. Enrolment period closes at the end of May.



School Fees

For those that have not yet finalised Term 1 school Fees please organise immediate payment as Term 2 school fee will be billed in the coming weeks.

Please contact Ms Ali in the office 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

School Banking

A school banking service is available to students who hold Commonwealth Dollarmites or Youth Saver accounts. Encouraging children to make small regular deposits to a bank account helps them to develop good savings habits and awareness of the value of money. Students who wish to deposit money should bring bank books (with the deposit slip filled in) and money to school on Tuesday morning. The deposits are processed on Thursday during the morning and the bank books returned to students by their class teacher. Please note that we are unable to process cheques. For every deposit you make, you will receive a token. When you receive 10 tokens you can redeem them for a prize.

Any parent wishing to open a Commonwealth account for their child may collect an information package from the school office

