Religious Education Matters

In Kindergarten we have been learning about the Christmas story.

Mary and Joseph were tired from their travels

There was no room

An Angel told the shepherd that Christ was born. The shepherd visited Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus.
We congratulate this week’s Student of the Week Award recipients:

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<td>Year 1</td>
<td>Amarise Koroma</td>
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Message from the Principal

Kindergarten 2017 Transition Program

On the 13th of December, our newest members of our community will join us again for their transition program. The children will have an opportunity to meet their teachers and experience life as a Kindergarten student at Holy Family. Parents will meet in the hall for a cuppa and an opportunity to participate in a Literacy and Numeracy Workshop. We are all looking forward to welcoming our families.

Enrolment for 2017

It is time for the office to begin preparing for 2017. If you will be leaving Holy Family at the end of the year (not Year 6 students) please contact the office ASAP. We have some vacancies across most of our classes. If you know a family who would like to attend Holy Family, please direct them to our enrolment package on our website. We are still accepting enrolments for Kindergarten 2017.

Lost Clothing

I ask that parents please check the lost property for any missing clothing. The basket is overflowing. Please ensure that you label your child’s clothing. Items that are labelled find their way back to their owners.

School Fees

2016 school fees are now overdue. Please finalise all accounts immediately. From Friday the 9th December the finance roll over commences for 2016 so it would be appreciated that all fees are brought up to date. Please note, payments can be made by cash, cheque, EFTPOS, BPAY or at the Post Office.

Absent Notes

All outstanding absent notes need to be sent in to the classroom teacher this week. This is a legal requirement and we ask parents to please follow this policy.

Year 6 Graduation

We invite our community to attend the Year 6 graduation ceremony on Wednesday 14th December at 6:00pm in our parish church. Father Walter Fogerty will be celebrating mass with us.

Meet the Teacher

Next Wednesday 14th December the children will be meeting their new teachers for 2017. The teacher list for 2017 will be advertised in next week’s newsletter.

Change to Newsletter

As of 2017 our Newsletter will be published each fortnight.
Calendar

December

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<td>Wednesday 14th Dec</td>
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<td>Year 6 Graduation Mass 6:00pm-7:00pm</td>
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Birthday Wishes!

**Congratulations to the following students who celebrate their birthday this week**

Leonardo Valore

Chris Georges

Maria Sukkar

Library News

As we near the end of 2016, I need to get all Library resources returned so that they can be inventoried and repaired if necessary. Reminder notes have been sent home. Parents, can you please help your children look for and return these books so that we can maintain our collection for everyone to borrow. If books cannot be found a fee of $10.00 per book is required to help buy a replacement. Thank you.
At Holy Family this Christmas and holiday season we are supporting the Jesuit Refugee Service help people seeking asylum.

**Arrupe Project Christmas Appeal 2016**

In the lead up to the Christmas period, JRS is looking for donations of the following items to provide necessities to the people we work with as well as some holiday season fun.

The Items we need are:

**Needed:**
- New Children’s Toys (For ages 0-12 years old)
- Coles / Woolworths Vouchers
- Kmart, Myer, Big W Vouchers
- Movie tickets
- Opal Cards

**Not needed:**
- Clothing
- Second hand toys
- Food items
- Other gifts

Please bring your donations in to school by Thursday 15th December.
Dear students of Holy Family Primary School,

Holy Family Parish are currently looking for people to join their choir at the 9:30am mass on the last Sunday of the month. So if you love to sing come along and join in. They are having a rehearsal on the 22nd December at 6pm in the Holy Family Church to practice for the 9:30am Holy Mass Christmas Day.

Contact: Vicky 0408 680 920.

Hope to hear from you soon!

God Bless