In Religious Education this term, Year 5 students have been learning about faith communities. In groups, we have completed research tasks to explore our understanding of Early Christian Communities.

Students explored various developments and contributions made by the Early Church people and how it has evolved over the years.

**History of Early Christian Persecutions by Chanel and Mikaylla, Justina and Jasmine**
In the first three centuries of Christianity, the Church endured regular persecutions at the hand of Roman authorities. Many Christians were persecuted through stoning. These persecutions did not stop until Christianity became a recognised religion.

**The life of Emperor Constantine and how he helped the Christians by John, Louie and Christina**
Emperor Constantine was a Roman Emperor for 31 years. In the time he was emperor Romans did not believe in only one God. The Romans thought Christians were their enemy because they refused to believe in the Roman Gods and Goddesses. Emperor Constantine made Christianity the official Roman religion and was the first Roman ruler to be converted to Christianity.

**Catacombs of San Calisto by Alyssa and Larissa, Gabby and Mary, Debrah and Andre**
The catacombs of St. Callixtus is the official cemetery of the Church of Rome. As the persecutions of Christians by the Romans continued, the early church began to seek refuge in the catacombs. Catacombs are underground tunnels and rooms built on the hill-side around Rome. Christians met and worshipped together in the catacombs. Inside the catacombs, there were altars and walls were decorated with statues of Christians.
Principal’s Message

Over the last two weeks Mr Hughes has lead our school community in my absence. This is a very selfless act as he has left his own school community of St Mary’s Rydalmere to be with us at Holy Family. My sincere thanks to Tony on behalf of our students, teachers and parents. You are one in a million.

I will be returning to school on Thursday the 6th of August. I am looking forward to sharing my experiences with my friends at Holy Family. See you tomorrow !!

Live Jesus in your heart

Mrs Baird

We congratulate this week’s Student of the Week Award recipients:
Tyrell Firmin   Roshni Jain
Sienna Shamoun  Shaun Kynoch-Kelly
Virgilio Agito  Bob Boulos
Sebastian Roughley  Emanuel Koroma
Charbel Ghattas  Joshua Koroma
Ben Kizana     Gabby Foketi

Zone Athletic Carnival

On Tuesday our Zone squad competed at the Zone Athletics Carnival. I wish to thank our parents for your continued support in allowing your child to attend this level of competition and to those who supported our team on the day. Our children are amazing!! Their sportsmanship and competitive spirit was on display in earnest. Well done children for representing our school with pride. I also wish to thank Mr Hughes, Miss Peachey, Mr Bawden and Mrs Issa for supervising the children on the day.

Voice of Youth

Next Tuesday three of our Year 6 students will be representing Holy Family at the Voice of Youth cluster finals at St Patrick’s Guilford. Congratulations to Abraham Youssef, Jorja Le Claire and Jacinta Nakhoul who will be speaking, and Aushlesa Ghale will be our reserve.

Book Week

Book Week starts 24th August - Books Light Up Our World!
As you know, the staff and students of our school celebrate reading every day but we especially enjoy the celebrations during book week. On the Monday of week 7, the teachers will start book week by sharing some of their favourite books with children from different classes and this year the book character parade returns! Children are asked to think of a character from a book that they have enjoyed reading, and come dressed as that character to join in with the parade for our school community on Tuesday 25th August at 2.15pm in the hall. Mark the date on your calendar and start talking to your children about the books they enjoy. There is a separate note with details and some web sites that might help with ideas. See you there!

In Christ we Live, Love and Learn.
Learning Matters from the Assistant Principal

My thanks to the many parents and carers who attended the Parent Snapshot of Learning today. Mr Hughes and I were pleased to be able to share this experience with you, most especially the question and answer session which is always a great way to bring out into the open those things that niggle in your mind, whispering ‘that’s not how they did it when I was at school!’

The openness and supportiveness of the group shows what a great community this is to be a part of. Parent Snapshots of Learning are one way to share the great work that happens at Holy Family, and work together towards our shared goal of helping your young people grow into the beautiful, whole person God made them to be.

WriteOn 2015 Competition

A reminder that the BOSTES WriteOn 2015 competition is currently open to students from Year 1 to Year 6. I’ve already received the first entries and I love reading every one. Keep them coming!

Write an imaginative piece about 500 words long inspired by the photograph.

Calendar

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Birthday Wishes!

Congratulations to the following students who celebrate their birthday this week: George Gebrael, Andrew Bechara, Patrick Habib, Jade Farah and Michelle Pham.

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PARENTS... MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE
Holy Family Primary Book Character Parade!

Students from Kindergarten through to year 6 are invited and encouraged to dress up in costumes as their favorite storybook character and parade around our school...

**Tuesday, August 25th 2.15pm**

Bring your family, a camera, and a big smile as we cheer on our students and staff celebrating the joy of reading!

Costumes should be simple and home made.
Visit

Please contact your child’s class teacher or Mrs Ardus (in the library) with any questions.

All participants are asked to carry the book of the character they are dressing up as (if possible)