30th October 2013

Dear Families of Holy Family,

Last Friday we celebrated World Teachers' Day. On behalf of the staff I would like to express our thanks to the many parents and students who contributed to the celebration through special moments for the staff, especially the very generous morning tea catering!

While there were many special moments in the day, something that really touched our hearts was a letter received from the Burke family - Jamille, Sam, Isabella, Emily and Olivia. I take this opportunity to share this with you by way of celebrating the mission of teaching that is alive here at Holy Family.

To the Wonderful Teachers at Holy Family,

Thank you for all the work and effort you all put into our children.

For the great learning environment you provide, and care that you take.

Thank you for being great role models that one day we will be proud if our children followed in your footsteps.

Thank you for looking after our precious children and putting them first.

You all show so much care, strength, love of your work and a great bond as a team.

We appreciate all that you do in teaching our children how to LIVE, LOVE and LEARN.

Every teacher here at Holy Family undertakes their role with great pride and commitment. I join with you in celebrating each wonderful member of our staff and their commitment to building the kingdom of God here at Holy Family.

Yours in family,

Mrs Sue Guilfoyle
Principal

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**Canteen**

is open to 4pm on Wednesday to buy afternoon tea before Karate!

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**A Teacher...**

...takes a hand...opens a mind...touche a heart

We love our teachers!
We congratulate this week’s Student of the Week Award recipients:

Aayush Prakash  Tanya Kumar
Charbel Nehme  Emanuel Koroma
Joelle Taouk  Samuel De Jesus
Jasmine Achi  Charlie Bechara
Charbel Hanna  Hugo Ng
Isaac Ishac  Jasmin Ghamraoui
Monica Habib  Dylan Boatswain

Religious Education Matters

Scripture Reflection
Wisdom 11:22 – 12:2 You have mercy on all things because you love everything that exists.
Lk 19:1-10 The Son of Man came to seek and to find that which was lost.

The readings this week focus on God’s incredible love and mercy. In the first reading, from the Book of Wisdom we hear that God is merciful to all so that we are able to repent and that God loves all that exists. In Luke’s Gospel, Jesus brings this to life through the story of Zacchaeus where through His love, and searching for the lost, Jesus shows the strength of God’s mercy as Zacchaeus repents.

Foyer Prayer Table
The Wehbe family lovingly decorated our office foyer prayer table this week.
“The Rosary beads play an important role in our family. We as a family pray the Rosary together.
The statue of Jesus sits in our lounge room along side our statue of our Blessed Mother Mary. It is a place where we can sit and spend time talking to God.”
John-Paul Yr5

Confirmation
Candidates from Year 5 & 6 will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop Anthony this Thursday at 7:30. Everyone is welcome to come and support these children and their families along their faith journey. Thank you to the parents and teachers who have help prepare the children. We pray for the following candidates:

Aaliyah Afu  Grace Chen  Maryanne Takchi  Awok Aguer
Julie Hoang  Ken Tuala  Amy Andrade  Atong Majok
Vincent Tuala  Laura Awad  Attu Ngor  Timmy Vu
Dylan Boatswain  Reegan Roebeck  Christopher Wehbe  Jeremy Castro
Patrick Skaf

The following children have already been confirmed at Baptism but will receive a special blessing from the Bishop on Thursday night.

Claudia Abi Kabalane  Ashley Eldick  Helena Taouk  Payton Frangie
John-Paul Wehbe  Tony Chaiban  Monica Habib  George Elias
Isabella Shamoun
Learning at Holy Family

Building Number Lines

Over the last couple of weeks, Year Two have been creating number lines in Maths. We were given two numbers to form the ends of the number line and then placed our own numbers across the line. We had to justify our placement of these numbers and the numbers at the end of the line became more difficult as the weeks progressed. We also learnt fractions through our number lines such as half of 100 is 50 and one quarter of 100 is 25.

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SWIM SCHOOL ORGANISATION

Next Wednesday, our Swimming Program begins. Students are to wear their swimming costume to school under their sports uniform each day. A one-piece costume for the girls or 2-piece shorts and crop-top is acceptable. (Board shorts and swimming vests can be put on once children prepare for going to the pool.)

Children should bring a bag to school every day containing:

◊ Clean underwear
◊ Thongs or Sandals
◊ Swimming goggles
◊ Dry towel
◊ T-shirt or beach coat (optional)
◊ Sunscreen

When the children return from the pool and change into their uniform, the bag will be used for their wet costume and towel. **Please make sure your child’s belongings are clearly labelled with their name and class.**

The following timetable indicates the time grades leave for the pool.

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Children who are not involved in the swimming program due to sickness will accompany their teachers to the pool, where they will be supervised. If your child is sick they must bring a note.

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2013 - Celebrating 75 Years of Catholic Education at Holy Family School
Calendar

October/November

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<td>9.10am Parish Mass—Year 3—6 attending.</td>
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<td>2.00pm Whole School Assembly—led by Years 1,3 &amp; 5.</td>
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Happy Birthday!

This week we congratulate Oscar Yi, Kayla Brown, Maryanne Takchi, Tony Chaiban, Alexander Lehnen and Emanuel Koroma who celebrate their birthday this week!

Swimming Program

All Swimming Program payments are due by this Friday 1st November. Parents that chose to pay off the Swimming Program are asked to make regular payments so that all accounts can be finalised. Thank you for your cooperation.

Community News

Catholic Super Free Retirement

Seminars: 30 October & 11 November

Have you started thinking about retirement?

Financial security will give you the opportunity to enjoy a longer life with family and friends and to pursue your interests free from money worries. Catholic Super is an industry fund and returns all profits to members. This FREE seminar will cover: retirement goals & budgets, increasing your retirement savings, transition to retirement strategy.

**Wednesday 30 October:** Parramatta RSL, Hunter Room, cnr Macquarie & O’Connell sts, Parramatta;

**Monday 11 November:** Springwood Sports Club, Sassafras Room 2, 83 Macquarie Rd, Springwood.

Time: 6.45pm for 7pm start. Register: tel 1300 730 327 or www.csf.com.au