Dear Parents,

Throughout the past month I have begun meeting the families who are seeking enrolment for their children for 2015. This is always a time of privilege and excitement and for me, one of the highlights of being a principal.

It is indeed a privilege to share with families their dreams for their children. Each family has thought a great deal about where their child will begin their educational journey and it is a great privilege that they have entrusted Holy Family Parish School with this task. This commitment continues the covenant that was made at the time of their child’s baptism.

There is great excitement as the children ask questions about ‘big school’ and as the parents share their dreams for their children. Parents are invited to share why they would like to enrol their children at Holy Family and what they have heard about our school. These reasons include:

- To educate their children about God in a faith filled community
- To allow their children every opportunity to be part of quality learning opportunities
- To continue family traditions of being part of the Holy Family community
- To give their children opportunity to be happy and safe at school.

As current parents of our school, I am sure that you find these reasons something to be proud of – our school has a great reputation in our community.

The excitement of the children and their families is contagious, and as principal I eagerly await the day that these little ones and their families become part of our school family. But for now... a BIG congratulations to all in the Holy Family Parish School community for helping to make our school a family that many more would like to be part of.

Yours in family,

Mrs. Sue Guilfoyle
Principal
Scripture Reflection  Sunday, 8 Jun 2014: Pentecost Sunday
In 20:19-23  As the Father sent me, so I send you: Receive the Holy Spirit.
Our lives are busy! The weeks seem to fly by and are filled with all sorts of activities. The weekends are usually over before we can take a breath. How do we stop? When He appeared to the disciples, in John's account of the first Pentecost, Jesus’ first gift to them was peace. ‘Peace be with you’. We need peace in our lives, moments of peace and quiet to stop, reflect and listen. At school we stop for the Angelus and for meditation. Jesus wants more for us than that: to continue with our busy lives but with a peaceful, calm and serene attitude from the habit of continually making good choices.
Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they will be created and you will renew the face of the earth.
St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal
This Friday we have our Winter Sleep Out in the school hall. The Yr6 are seeking sponsorship to raise money for the Winter Appeal. You are able to support the Yr6 Winter Sleep Out with your sponsorship, for a child in Yr6, teachers or just a general donation.
On Friday we are also having an Odd Shoe Day where students are asked to wear odd shoes and bring in a gold coin donation. The Junior Joeys will be visiting classes to raise awareness of homelessness.

We congratulate this week’s Student of the Week Award recipients:
Gabriel Rahme  Tayla Kayrouz
Rhiannyn Griffiths  Jonny Silverwood
Natalie Maatouk  Angelina Wehbe
Marko Sinicic  Joshua Koroma
Christy Ters  Oscar Yi
Madison Nohra  Chenise Nehme
Ken Tuala  Ram Kaucha

Winter School Uniform
In a change over period of uniforms, there is always some confusion. Please be advised of the following points:

**GIRLS:**
- New style school shirt, with HFS monogram, is worn with the compulsory new style navy tab tie.
- Old style school shirt, pointy collar and no monogram, is still worn with the same tie as the boys.
- Navy culottes may be worn with navy tights.

**BOYS:**
- School tie and grey long pants are compulsory in Term 2 & Term 3.

**ALL STUDENTS:**
- Sport joggers must be predominantly white.
- Gold sport shirt is no longer allowed to be worn.
- Navy tracksuit pants may only be worn on sport days - not on other days of the week.
- Only navy scarves & gloves are permitted. They are for playground use only & are not required indoors as all of our spaces are heated.

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

What is a typical Monday morning like for you? For me, this Monday morning was unlike every other Monday morning.

Why, I hear you ask? I was lucky enough to go with a group of Year 6 students (and Mrs Elias, Mrs Issa and Miss Warwick) to the launch of Morris Gleitzman’s new book!

Morris Gleitzman is an author I have admired since I was at school myself. In his book ‘The Other Facts of Life’, a serious young boy called Ben (like me!), concerned with the big issues of justice and poverty in the world (like me!), protests by dressing like Ghandi, shaving his head, breaking into farms to set mistreated animals free and going on a hunger strike. I was so inspired I stole my Dad’s electric razor and was just about to shave my head when he got home and I chickened out (years later I went bald which saved me the trouble). Gleitzman managed to create a character I could connect with deeply and stories that captivated my imagination.

His latest book ‘Loyal Creatures’ was launched on Monday at St Agnes High School Rooty Hill. The story was based on a short play he wrote about a young Australian man and his horse back in World War 1. We had the play performed for us before Morris answered questions from the children. Here are some of his pearls of wisdom for the kids:

- The most important thing is to make friends with your characters in your head, get to know them, and find out what the biggest problems are in their lives.
- Write about the feelings of the characters. You don’t have to have experienced what your characters are going through if you can imagine their feelings.
- Show, don’t tell.
- Daydream a lot. You’ll meet interesting characters in your head.
- Write a lot. Every day if you can.

Guess how Morris Gleitzman starts his Monday mornings? Day dreaming!

Mr Benjamin Munday

Learning at Holy Family - Kinder at Calmsley Hill Farm.
**Calendar**

**June**

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**Country Women’s Association**

Last week a group of primary students represented our school at the Country Women's Association International Day luncheon. They were chosen to attend because of the outstanding research posters they created about the country of Botswana. At the luncheon, the students were given the opportunity to celebrate their achievements with some of the local woman of the C.W.A, as well as learn a little more about Botswana. We would like to congratulate the following students for their hard work, and for representing our school with pride:

Peter Elters, Isabella Shamoun, Paris Youssef, Najd Youssef, Madison Nohra, Abraham Youssef, Jasmine Achi, Georgia McIntyre, Debrah Youssef, Isabella Bourke, Britney Youssef, Mosa Lemoto and Anbarasan Mitchell

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**Birthday Celebrations!**

Congratulations to the following students who celebrate their birthday this week Amy Andrade, Ethan El Katrib, Edward Hakko, Mathiang Mathiang and Mansour El Boutty.

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**Student Activity Fee 2014**

As part of our school fees structure, each student pays a $25 Activity Fee. In 2014 this fee has been used in the following way:

- **Infants (K-2)**
  - $10 Life Education
  - $5 Athletics Carnival Costs
  - $5 Harmony Day Drumming
  - $5 Chicken Hatching (Kinder) OR
  - $5 CSIRO Science Workshops (Yrs 1 & 2)

- **Primary (Yrs 3-6)**
  - $10 Life Education
  - $5 Athletics Carnival Costs
  - $5 Harmony Day Drumming
  - $5 Swimming Carnival Costs

If you have any questions please contact the Office.

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**Community News**

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4 June 10am

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Students welcome

Accepting enrolments for Year 7 CLOSING 13 JUNE

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