Religious Education Matters

Reconciliation and the Religious Literacy Assessment

Over the past few weeks, Year Four have been learning about the value and importance of Reconciliation and forgiveness. They have been developing creative products that demonstrate their understanding of either the passage of Jesus and Zacchaeus or the Parable of the Prodigal Son and apply the key messages to their own lives. Year Four were able to choose their own way to show the message of these stories, with many choosing to make either a PowerPoint, poster, sculpture or artistic banners. The Year Four teachers are extremely proud of the thought and effort that was placed into each and every piece of work!

“Reconciliation helps me feel closer to God” – Rita Dib.
“After Reconciliation, I try not to sin again” – Lucy Arida
“Reconciliation is important to me because it teaches me to be a humble person and helps me build a strong relationship with God” – Galia Germanos
“Reconciliation is important to me because when I am forgiven of my sins, I am cleansed and feel like a new person” – Joshua Koroma
We congratulate this week’s Student of the Week Award recipients:

Chris Georges  Marie Tawk
Caterina Valore  Cadi Jones
Awaer Mathiang  Prince Nyakoi
Sosefo Taufa  Grace Koroma
Duong Mawien  Joelle Taouk
Latiffany Tawk  Tatiana Arida
Geoffrey Mok  Hugo Ng

Principal’s Award: Simon Peter Lin, Aluel Mawien, Amarise Koroma, Tiana Nakhoul, Mariah Lukuey, Andelina El Katrib, Gabriel Rahme, Elias Helou, Madison Saouma, Jonny Silverwood, Montell Kumar, Adau Mawien, Olenah El Katrib, Aweng Aguer, Ladye-Love Saulala, Sam Hannouch, Joshua Roughley, Britney Youssef, Rita Dib, Anthony Dib, Alyssa Agito, Chanel Kalouche, Andre Youssef, Jasmine Achi, Abraham Youssef, Jorja Le Claire, Aushlesa Ghale and Jacinta Nakhoul.

Whole School Assembly.
I am always in awe at the creative way our students and teachers present the great learning that is happening at Holy Family. On Friday Year 1, Year 3 and Year 5 shared what they have been learning this term. Year 6 surprised us with an absolutely polished presentation of how they used the Four C’s (Creativity, Critical Thinking, Communication and Collaboration) to successfully prepare and run last week’s mini Fete. The iMovie created by Mr Khattar depicted the real celebration of community spirit and was a fitting end to a great assembly. Well done to all our students and teachers.

Live Jesus in your heart.

Mrs Y Baird

Year 6 Visit Our Capital City - Canberra
On Thursday and Friday our Year 6 students will attend an overnight excursion to Canberra. The children will visit many famous landmarks and building including Parliament House where they are scheduled to meet our State member in the hospitality room.
Year 6 will return to school at approximately 6.30pm. I will be sending alerts via our skoolbag app if the bus is delayed. We wish you all a safe and exciting time away.

Year 2 Excursion
On Thursday, Year 2 will be going to Vaucluse House to experience what life was like in the olden days. I am sure our Year 2 students will gain some very unique experiences when they discover what life was like before the internet.

In Christ we Live, Love and Learn.
Medical Training
On Wednesday all staff will be involved in Medical Training after school. Teachers will not be available for interviews on this day.

Religious Literacy Assessment
This week the children in Year 4 and 6 completed their Religious Literacy Assessment. Reports will be forwarded to parents in the next few months.

National Mathematics Day
On Friday the 21st of August parents are invited to spend the morning with us celebrating National Mathematics Day. At 9am, all classes will commence a maths lesson that will conclude at 10am. Parents will be able to experience the framework we use to teach Mathematics. I am sure your children are looking forward to sharing this experience with you.

Zone Athletics Carnival
On Tuesday 4th of August approximately 30 children represented Holy Family at the Cumberland Zone Athletics Carnival. They competed against other children from a number of schools in the Parramatta area. Our children competed in a variety of events, trying to equal or better their placing in the school carnival.

We are fortunate to have 3 athletes perform to the best of their ability, proceeding on to the next level of competition, Diocesan Athletics Carnival. These children, Nathan Habib, Georgia Hannouch and Gabrielle Foketi will be competing this Friday 21st of August at the Blacktown International Sport Centre. We wish them all the best as they compete in their chosen event.

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Birthday Wishes!
Congratulations to the following students who celebrate their birthday this week: Sonia Khawly, Marko Sinozic, Aweng Aguer, Tanya Kumar, Nelwin Nassif, Ratu Naleba, Tony Habib, Rhiannyn Griffiths and Alain Limos.

SCHOOL LEADERS PHOTOS 2015
PHOTOS FOR SCHOOL CAPTAINS, SPORTS CAPTAINS, LIBRARY MONITORS, JUNIOR JOEYS AND YEAR 6 (FUN) ARE AVAILABLE IN THE SCHOOL OFFICE FOR VIEWING. THOSE PARENTS WHO WISH TO ORDER THE COST OF THE PHOTO IS $16.00 EACH, 2 FOR $30.00, 3 FOR $42.00, 4 FOR $52.00 OR 5 FOR $60.00. ORDERS MUST BE IN BY THIS FRIDAY 21ST AUGUST.

School Fees
School fees are now overdue. Thankyou to everyone that has already paid the school fees. Please note, payments can be made by cash, cheque, EFTPOS, BPAY or at the Post Office.

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