Dear Parents,

Last Tuesday we held our final transition activity for the children of Kindergarten 2014. The morning was filled with enthusiasm, excitement, and of course some nerves. But overall, there was a great feeling of community and a shared commitment by staff and parents for these children in 2014.

Events such as this allow us to celebrate Catholic education and the commitment of families and staff to instil in the children the values and traditions of our faith. With this in mind, I would like to share with all families our Kindergarten orientation day prayer as it provides each of us with prayerful reflection on what we are working together to achieve.

We give thanks for the partnership between parents and teachers in guiding the children of Holy Family.

Yours in family,

Mrs. S. Guilfoyle
Principal
**Scripture Reflection**

Lk 21:5-19 Your endurance will win you your life.

In this Sunday’s Gospel from Luke Jesus is predicting the destruction of Jerusalem. Jesus tells those listening that his presence in times of persecution will give them strength. This is as relevant to us now as people are still under attack for following Christ. The words of reassurance from Jesus reach out across the centuries to us as we pray for strength and wisdom.

**Prayer Table**

“My mum bought me this new bible book. I made the love heart for my mum for Mother’s Day. The Rosary beads smell really nice and they are very special to me. All of these things help me keep God in my heart.”

Gabriel Nakhoul (Kindy)

**Prayer Card**

Pope Francis consecrated the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary at a 13 October Mass in St Peter’s Square, in the climactic ceremony of a Marian Day celebration. Repeating an act of consecration that had been made by both Pope Pius XII and Pope John Paul II (each on two occasions), the Holy Father prayed: “Protect our lives in your arms; bless and strengthen every desire for goodness; revive and nurture faith; sustain and illuminate hope; rouse and invigorate charity; guide us all on the path to holiness.”

Following on the Pope’s action, the Bishop of Parramatta, Most Rev Anthony Fisher OP, said the Catholic Diocese of Parramatta would be consecrated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on Sunday 20 October.

A prayer card in remembrance of these events is accompanying today’s newsletter.

**Staffing Announcements 2014**

Last Friday all families received notification that Mrs Sue Veling has been appointed as Principal at Our Lady of the Way, Emu Plains from 2014. This is great recognition of Mrs Veling’s skills as an educational leader in our Catholic education system. The Catholic Education Office will now begin processes for the appointment of a new Assistant Principal for Holy Family.

Sadly we also advise that Mr Tim Butt will be leaving us at the end of this year to take up a new teaching position at North Sydney. His family has recently relocated to the northern suburbs and this new position will see him closer to home. Mr Butt has had a tremendous impact here at Holy Family in leading our school into a new age of using technology.

There will be opportunity for further words of farewell at the end of the school year.
Holy Family would like to invite you to our Band Showcase on Wednesday the 27th of November at 2pm in the school hall.

Every Wednesday, Year 5 and 6 students have a band lesson. They have been working very hard this year developing their skills and gradually learning more notes and pieces. We also created a lunchtime band in June this year, made up of selected students from Years 5 and 6. In our Band Showcase, each group from Year 5 and Year 6, and our lunch band, will perform a selection of pieces. The concert will take about 40 minutes and we ask that you be seated by 2pm as late arrivals will distract the students.

We are so proud of their achievements and would like to share them with you.

*A Bus Called Heaven* Production

Year 4 are participating in a Drama Literacy program which is focused on assisting students to become more imaginatively engaged in improvisation and role-play based on the text *A Bus Called Heaven* by Bob Graham. This term Year 4 are creating a production based on this book and will be performing this at the end of the term. This has been a valuable learning experience for the students as they are learning to explore different cultures and are adopting different roles.

*We have been preparing for a play called ‘A Bus Called Heaven’ with our special drama teacher Ms Shields and we have learnt a lot about performing and focusing.’ Anthony Spina*

*This is a great opportunity for us because we have seen this performed by Year 12 students. We are all very excited because we believe that we can do an even better job at performing this play’ Rita Nohra*

Internet Safety Reminders

A few internet safety and protocol reminders:

- NO primary school aged child should have an Instagram or Facebook account. The legal age for these accounts are 13 Years and over. Parents who sign their children up for these forms of social media, open themselves for reporting to authorities.

- Due to privacy legislation, parents may not post photos taken at school onto their Facebook pages as these photos will often include other students. Parents of other students have not given permission for their child’s photos to be on Facebook, again exposing the parent posting the photo to legal action.
Calendar

November

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Happy Birthday!

We congratulate Jonah Eldick, Joshua Dos-Santos, George Kayrouz, Daisy Habib and Brandon Melkonian who celebrate their birthdays this week!

Swimming Program

Parents who 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.

The Swimming Program continues until the end of the week. Please ensure that your child remembers to bring to school underwear to change into and a swimming towel.

Tuckshop News

Mel’s Tasty Bites is having a Canteen Meal Day next Thursday 21st, November.

Attached to this weeks newsletter is a meal order form. This is to be completed and attached to your child’s lunch order bag for your child to hand into their class tuckshop tub. Thank you.

Print out our menu & weekly specials from our website. You can also order your cupcakes for your Birthday from the canteen!

www.melstastybites.com

SCHOOL UNIFORM

As the school year begins to end, it is often the case that school shoes and sports shoes begin to wear out. Whilst it is not expected that parents would purchase new school shoes or joggers at this late stage of the year, it is expected that all students will be have the correct shoes, joggers and socks to begin the 2014 school year.

When purchasing shoes and socks for the 2014 school year please ensure that:

◊ Socks are fold over ankle socks

◊ Shoes are black leather lace ups/velcro with little or no heel

◊ Joggers that are predominantly white are to be worn for sport and fitness. They must be predominantly white, lace up joggers -no slip on ‘Raben’ type shoes or coloured Nike airs are to be worn.