On the 2\textsuperscript{nd} and 3\textsuperscript{rd} of November Year 5 students went to Stanwell Tops Conference Centre for their leadership camp.

Students participated in a number of team building activities that required them to work collaboratively where they needed to use communication skills and think creatively and critically to solve problems.

Year 5 were given opportunities at camp to nourish and reflect on their leadership skills as they prayed and supported each other throughout the two days. Students explored what leadership means to them and how they can serve others in their school community.

**How do you see yourself as a leader right now?**

**Elias:** I look after everyone and help them by teaching them about God and Jesus.

**Christina:** I see myself as a leader by helping others by showing them love and being everyone’s friend.

**What leadership qualities do you have?**

**Sam:** I am mature, I have courage, display respect and I’m honest.

**Joshua:** The qualities I have as a leader are loyalty, respect, I am safe and a learner.

**What challenges did you face during camp?**

**Chanel:** I am afraid of heights so the challenges I faced were abseiling and the giant swing but I overcame my fear and completed the activities and had so much fun.

**How can you serve others in your community?**

**Ben:** I can serve others just like Jesus did by helping anyone in need and not just leave them when they have a problem.

**How could I show leadership at Holy Family?**

**Mina:** I can show leadership skills by setting a good example to younger students by following the school rules and respecting teachers and other students.

**What have you learned about yourself as a leader?**

**Charlie:** I have developed courage as a leader by facing my fears. I overcame my fear of heights by participating in the activities at camp such as the vertical climb and the giant swing. This has allowed me to gain confidence to help others accomplish their fears.
Whole School Assembly

WOW!!!! As usual I am always in awe at the great learning that is happening at Holy Family. Kindergarten, Year 2 and Year 4 presented their learning in creative and interesting ways. We were also entertained by a short imovie from Year 5 highlighting their experience at the recent Leadership Retreat. During the assembly we acknowledged the recipients of the Principal Award for Honesty. I congratulate the following students;

Principal’s Award: Francois Marcos, Evana El Katrib, Annabelle Wehbe, Patrick Kirby, Adam Assan-Larry, Alana Achi, Suzanna Hannouch, Dut Atak, Julian Georges, Kayla Brown, Chanel Makdissi, Ellie Wehbe, Sebastian Roughley, Antonia Aoun, Avaauni Prakash, Eyli Yaacoub, Mathiang Mathiang, Duong Mawien, Joelle Taouk, Yousif Azeez, Nelwin Nassif, Benjamin Kizana, Tatiana Arida, Elias Daher, Rita Nohra, Joey Issa and Bianca Wehbe.

These events could not be possible without the creative flair, dedication and enthusiasm of our teachers. My sincere thanks. Of course, an enormous thank you to our talented students who have applied themselves to their learning all year.

Parent request for workshops

On Wednesday the 18th of November we will be hosting a parent workshop in the Library from 2-3pm. The workshop is a request from a parent who attended the Parent Learning Walk this term. The focus will be on using and understanding some of the Apps the students use to enhance their learning. The important topic of Cyber Bullying will also be addressed. Mrs El Hawzi and Mr Khattar will facilitate the workshop. A letter will be sent home this week inviting all parents and friends to attend.

I encourage parents to request parent workshops throughout the year. Please contact the office or put your request in writing to Mrs Baird.

I look forward to sharing this experience with our community.

Enrolments for 2016

Over the past few weeks we have been inundated with new enrolment requests. Some of our classes have reached capacity. If you have friends or family interested in enrolling at Holy Family, I encourage them to do so as soon as possible.

Are you leaving Holy Family this year?

I ask parents to please contact the office if your child will not be attending Holy Family in 2016.

Holy Family Christmas Disco

It is nearly time for us to polish our dancing shoes and iron our christmas outfit as we await our first family disco at Holy Family. The disco will be held on Friday the 27th of November starting at 5.30pm and concluding at 7.30pm. This is a family disco. Parents and children are invited to attend the event together. That means parents are required to stay for the disco and supervise their children. The teachers will be present at the disco, however parents will be responsible for their children for the entire duration of the disco. This is a great way for parents to reconnect or meet new families. We do not have many opportunities for parents to socialise, this I hope will be one of many opportunities to build community spirit and make new friends. A letter will be sent home this week containing important information.

In Christ we Live, Love and Learn.
Christmas Card Competition

The Member for Auburn Luke Foley is holding a Christmas Card Design Competition open to local students from years 4-6.

The competition is a fun way for local students to demonstrate their artistic abilities. The winning design will be used on Luke’s 2015 Christmas cards that will be sent to local businesses, community organisations, and individuals in his electorate. The winning entry will receive a $50 JB-Hi Fi voucher. There will also be an encouragement and a highly commended award, both of which will receive a $25 JB-HI voucher.

The theme for the completion is ‘An Australian Christmas.’

Students are encouraged to create designs that capture what an Australian Christmas means to them, their families and their community.

Students are encouraged to use different types of media –painting, drawing, sketching, scrapbooking etc. Entries should be as two dimensional as possible for copying purposes and should not include any glitter, feathers or be folded.

Submissions must be a horizontal A4 page, and must include the students name, year group and school at the back. Submissions should also include the School Submission form attached. A maximum of one entry per student is permitted and there is no entry fee.

Competition closes Friday 27th November. Entries can be posted or hand delivered to the Auburn Electorate Office at, 54-58 Amy St, Regents Park, 2143.

Winners will be announced Friday 4 December.

We look forward to seeing the wonderful designs your students create. Good luck!

For any questions, please feel free to contact Donna Davis on 9644 6972 or emailaurn@parliament.nsw.gov.au.

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Luke Foley MP
Member for Auburn

2015 Christmas Card Design Competition

School Submission Form

Please fill out and attach this form with the design submissions from your school.

School Name: _______________________________________________________

School Contact Name: ______________________________________________

School Contact Number: _____________________________________________

School Contact Email: ______________________________________________

Date Submitted: _____/_____/_____

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Calendar

November

Monday 16th November | Swimming Program begins.

Birthday Wishes!
Congratulations to the following students who celebrate their birthday this week: Alexander Lehnen, Emanuel Koroma, Jamee El Kady, Jonah Eldick, Marvin Nassif and Daisy Habib.

Diocesan and Community News

Expand your imagination by reading this summer and you could win an iPad mini

Read as many books as you can, tell us why you love them, and you could win one of four iPad minis. The more books you read, the more chances you have to win.

Enter online at www.parra.catholic.edu.au
Entries close 5 February 2016.