Some Sunday Reflections
Over the last couple of weeks Jesus has told us about how it is our faith and actions that will get us to the Kingdom of God. In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus again reminds us that it is hard work and we must keep our 'hand on the plough' if we want to reach the Kingdom. But the prize is worth the toil as we see in the Psalm this Sunday: O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; it is you yourself who are my prize. How can 'we' do this?
St Paul in the Second Reading makes it simple for us: the whole of the Law is summarised in a single command: Love your neighbour as yourself. On the last Sunday of the holidays we will hear about who our neighbour is in the Gospel story of the Good Samaritan.

I sought my God.  
My God I could not see.  
I sought my soul,  
My soul eluded me.  
I sought my brother,  
And I found all three.
Staff Changes

This week we farewell Mrs McCarthy as she begins the exciting time of retirement. After forty years of service to Catholic education, we know that God will reward her richly. We thank Mrs McCarthy for the years of caring for the children of Holy Family.

Mrs Sacco has decided to step down from her teaching position so that she may care for her ailing mother. This has been a difficult decision for Mrs Sacco as she truly loves her teaching role, but family must come first. We hope that Mrs Sacco will soon be back among us as a casual or as part-time teacher.

Best wishes to Mrs McCarthy & Mrs Sacco.

Complaints & Grievances

At the end of last week an anonymous complaint was received through the mail from a parent claiming to be from our school community. Unfortunately, we are unable to attend to this matter as we can not verify the allegation, nor undertake further discussion with the concerned parent. Mrs Guilfoyle would welcome further discussion with this parent should they wish to formalise their complaint. All parents are reminded of the Complaint & Grievances Policy that is available in the parent handbook and on our school website. This document outlines school procedures for such matters.

Year 6 would like to thank all students and families for their support of the Mini Fete. Through your great help, we have been able to reduce the cost of our excursion to Canberra. Total money raised from the Mini Fete was $2,486.00!

Crunch and Sip Program – from Week 1 Term 3

Did you know that eating fruit and vegetables everyday helps children grow and develop, boosts their vitality and can reduce the risk of many chronic diseases? Therefore, from the start of Term 3, Holy Family School is introducing a Crunch and Sip break in all classes, each day at 10am. Every child is required to bring in a piece of fruit or pre-prepared vegetables that they can have as a quick snack in class during this time. Incentives and rewards will be given to children who consistently bring in fruit or vegetables to eat.

Please bring in fruit or vegetables that do not need any preparation and that are easy and quick to eat.
Calendar

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St Vincent de Paul Winter Sleep Out Update
Our school has made a fantastic effort to support St Vincent de Paul through the collection by our Year 6 Sleep Out students. A truly great effort from a great school community. We were able to donate a generous amount of $1294.00.

Birthday Wishes!
We congratulate Georgina Youssef, Hugo Ng, Joseph Amelsom, Isabella Shamoun, Matire Tairua and Aayush Prakash, who celebrate their birthdays this week!

Don’t forget Sausage Sizzle Lunch on Thursday! Friday the canteen will be closed. So no lunch orders on these days. Mrs Whitney would like the thank all the parents that helped her out this Term in the canteen.

School Fees
Thank you to everyone that has already paid the school fees. Please note, school fee payments are now overdue for Term 2, school fees must be finalised this week as it the last week for Term 2. Payments can be made by cash, cheque, EFTPOS, BPAY or at the Post Office. Thank you

Community News

Understanding Family Law
Each year CatholicCare Solo Parent Ministry offers a Seminar to assist those who have to deal with the Family Law System following separation or divorce. Information will include: How the Family Law Works, How the Court determines what is in the best interests of the child and the child’s needs, safety and rights. Guest Speaker: Ms Bernadette Devine, (Family Law Courts Family Consultant) Venue: CCSS Centre, 51-58 Allawah St, Blacktown. Date/Time: 17th July, 7.30pm. Further details and registration: soloparentministry@ccss.org.au or Ph. 99330205

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