It will be hard to say goodbye...

It is with much sadness that we announce that after 12 years of dedicated and love filled service to Holy Family School, Mrs Jo Whitney has decided to step down from her role as canteen manager. While Jo will miss all the beautiful children very much, she has decided that the time has come for new challenges and new experiences.

Mrs Whitney will finish with us at the end of term. Throughout next week, we will find special ways to celebrate Mrs Whitney as we give thanks for all that she has done for the children and families of Holy Family.

There will be further news next week regarding canteen services in Term 4.

We congratulate this week’s Student of the Week Award recipients:

Kaitlin Commodore          Patrick Habib
Peace Coker-Macfory        Richie Kanaan
Therese El Haddad          Joshua Koroma
Karim Dib                  Kristina Jbarah
Julie-Anne Habib           Chenise Nehme
Joseph Barakat             Amy Andrade
Grace Chen                 Joshua Dos-Santos

It’s a Boy!

Congratulations to Ms Charlene Pose and her husband Marino on the safe arrival last Friday of their beautiful new son, Alessandro.
We wish this beautiful new family every happiness and blessing.

Change to Summer Uniforms

Students now may wear either their Winter or Summer uniforms depending on the weather. All children must change to Summer uniform on the first day of Term 4, Wednesday 9th October. With the warmer weather also comes the need for school hats. Please ensure that your child has their hat with them each day.

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Gospel Reflection

Lk 15:1-32
“There will be joy in heaven over one sinner who does penance.”

The wonderful message of this week’s Gospel is one of Joy & Rejoicing; God rejoicing over the lost ones coming home, being found, being reconciled. Are we as open to welcoming, reaching out, forgiving, & rejoicing with one another? So here are Ten Ways to become a more forgiving person.

♦ Don’t allow wounds to fester. Face hurts as they occur.
♦ Two little words with great power: “I’m sorry”
♦ Make the Sacrament of Reconciliation part of your life.
♦ Pray for the grace of compassion.
♦ Be aware of the big picture, not just that part which has offended you.
♦ Try walking in the shoes’ of the other person.
♦ Enter prayerfully into those prayers of the Mass which express God’s infinite mercy and love.
♦ Where forgiveness seems ‘impossible’, be patient and take small steps healing steps each day.
♦ Have hope! While being realistic about a situation of conflict, never give up on another person.
♦ Teach another about forgiveness...we learn best what we teach others.

Loving Reading

During Book Week the challenge was given for families to take some special time to read a book together, snap a photo and send it into school to celebrate reading.

Congratulations goes to Gabriel Nakhoul (Kinder) and his family for taking up this challenge.

We celebrate your love of reading!

HOLY FAMILY’S LEARN TO SWIM PROGRAM IN TERM 4

Holy Family’s swimming program will be held in Term 4 from Wednesday 6th November to Friday 15th November. The cost for the program includes 8 lessons with a specialised swimming teacher in a small group, pool entry and bus fare to and from the pool. The cost for 2013 will be $70 per child. (Please note there are no family discounts.)

All monies raised from fundraising activities have gone towards reducing the cost of the 2013 Swimming Program for each family.

So start putting aside something each week so your child can attend the swimming program and learn these essential survival skills necessary for living in Australia.

This swimming program (Aquatics) is a compulsory component of the Personal Development, Health and Physical Education Curriculum and all STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND.
Father's Day 2013

Thank you to all the dads, grandfathers and uncles who joined us on Thursday 29th August for our celebration of the Dads’ Breakfast and our school liturgy. It was a great honour to host you here in our school and to give thanks for all that you do for your children.

Anyone can be a father, but it takes a lot to be a daddy.
Calendar

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Wednesday 9th October Term 4 School Returns

Happy Birthday!
We congratulate Jamella Sharma and Adau Ngor who celebrate their birthdays this week!

School Fees
Thank you to everyone that has already paid the school fees.
Please note, school fee payments are now overdue for Term 3, school fees must be finalised this week. Payments can be made by cash, cheque, EFTPOS, BPAY or at the Post Office.

Library News
Thank you to all the students who completed the Premier’s Reading challenge. A total of 53 students will receive their Certificates in November. Well done!
Mrs Gordon
Library Assistant

Community News

Grace & Silence Retreat Day for Young Women: 21 September
Young women aged 17-30 who are discerning their vocation to marriage, single or consecrated life are invited to the Schoenstatt Shrine in Mulgoa for a Grace & Silence Retreat Day. Grace & Silence commences with a short impulse followed by Eucharistic adoration; silent prayer and reflection and concludes with a group rosary and afternoon tea. Cost: $20 includes lunch. Time: 9.30am-4.30pm. Venue: 230 Fairlight Rd, Mulgoa. Further information and registration contact Sr M Julie Brerar 0408 738 334 or juliebrerar@gmail.com

Feast Day of Our Lady of Penafirancia: 21 September
St Nicholas of Myra Church, High St, Penrith.
Program: 9.15am novena; 9.45am concelebrated Mass; noon-12.30pm fluvial procession at Nepean River; assembly at Tench Reserve, Jamieson Rd, Penrith; 12.45-4pm lunch and entertainment, Factory Rd side of Tench Reserve. Details: Doc Tito/Neria Soliman tel 0404 011 524.

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