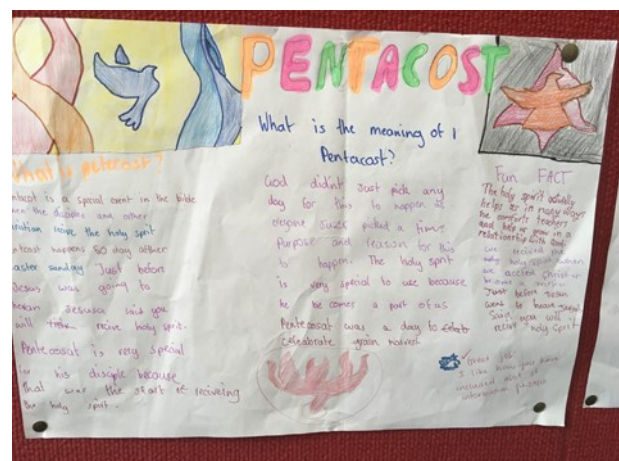
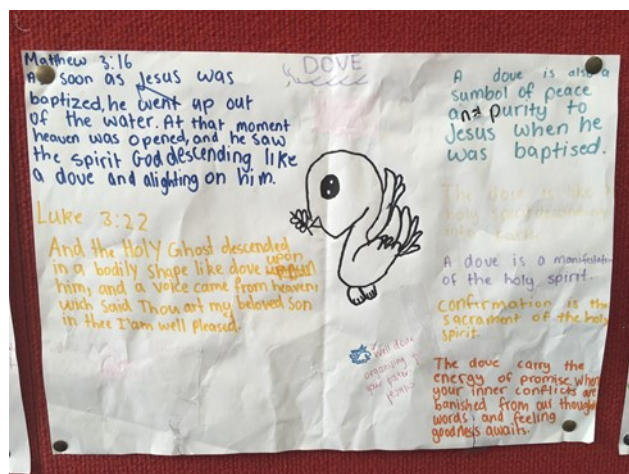
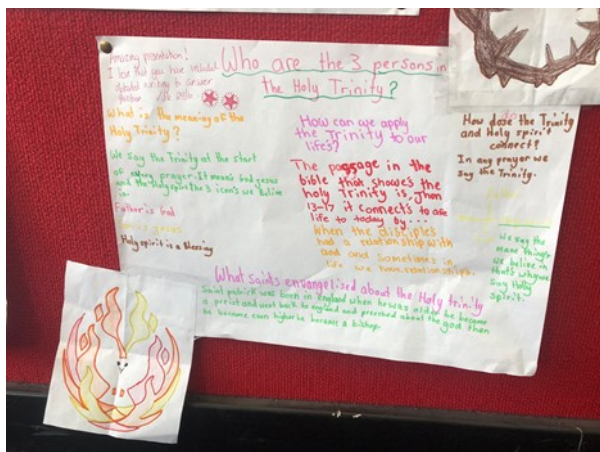




### Why believe in what we can not see?

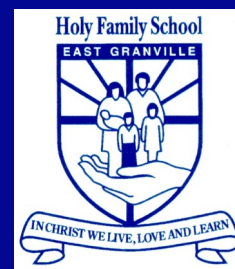
Year 4 have been given many learning opportunities to explore and clarify differences between fact and fiction. They have been involved in many experiential learning experiences that involved them questioning and asking for proof. 'Is that true?' 'Did it really happen that way?' 'How could that happen?' As they were critical thinkers, students began to wonder about the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives. In cooperative learning groups, students explored different aspects of the Holy Spirit and creatively presented their thinking in form of a poster or embodiment.



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## From the Principal...

Dear Parents and Friends,



## The Season of Advent

On Sunday we began a new Church liturgical year with the first Sunday of Advent. As a school community we began this week with Year 2 leading us in an Advent liturgy. I'd like to thank those parents who remained and joined us in this prayerful celebration.

Below I have shared with you the reflection to the Gospel reading shared with the community. Please take a few moments to reflect prayerfully on the reflection below that Year 2 and their teachers included in their liturgy. Each and every one of us can recognise someone from our own lives in this meditation.

### A MEDITATION ON WAITING

Reader: **The Wise Woman**

*I am a wise woman, looking for a sign.*

*I believe that the world is meant to be a fairer place and that I should help to change it. I have access to people of power and authority but I am not sure how to use my influence.*

*Pray for me and for all other influential ones who are waiting on a sign.*

All: *I waited on the Lord.*

Reader: **Poor widow**

*I am a poor widow, looking for a purpose.*

*I am tired of being talked about, treated as a statistic, pushed to the edges of people's conversations.*

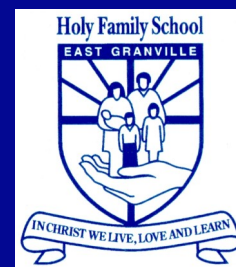
*I want to meet someone who will have time for me, someone who will listen to me, someone who will not take for granted who I am and what I have to offer.*

*Pray for me and for all people who are waiting to be taken seriously.*



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*All: I waited on the Lord.*

**Reader: Old Man**

*I am an old man waiting for my death.*

*I have looked at the world so long that it wearies me. I have prayed to God so hard for my people to be delivered from all that diminishes and destroys them. And I wonder, as my life closes, if change will ever come.*

*Pray for me and for all older people who are waiting for their saviour.*

*All: I waited on the Lord.*

**Reader: Mother**

*I am a young mother, waiting for my child to be born.*

*I feel the new life inside me, I sense great promise through out me,*

*I know my love grows for the one I have not seen.*

*Yet I fear that the world may be a hostile place for the little one who is to come.*

*Pray for me and for all expectant mothers who are waiting for their child to be born.*

*All: I waited on the Lord.*

**Reader: Every Person**

*I am every girl and every boy, every woman and every man. In my loneliness, I am waiting to be visited; in my uncertainty, I am waiting to be reassured; in my happiness, I am waiting for something more; in my soul, I am waiting to be wanted. Pray for me, and for yourself, for we are all waiting.*

*All: I waited on the Lord.*

**Reader: God**

*I am the Lord your God. I have waited on you, and have heard your prayer. Now is the right time I am coming soon.*

*So, prepare a way in the desert, A cradle in the hay, A meeting place in the marketplace, A table in an upstairs room, a cross on a hill, A grave in your garden, A throne in your heart as in heaven.*

*For now, again, I will bend down and remember you.*

*I will answer your prayer, and your waiting will end in joy.*

*All: I waited on the Lord.*

## Swimming Program

The children seem to have participated well during this program and we have had feedback from the instructors at the pool regarding their behaviour and confidence in the water. I am interested in any feedback from parents regarding this program as it is important that we always try to improve what we do each year with programs where we elicit the services of an external provider. Please email comments to our school email address and they will be forwarded to the school Leadership Team. I wish to sincerely thank the parents for the extra time and washing that usually happens with a swimming program.

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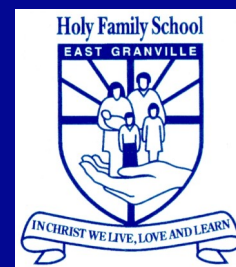
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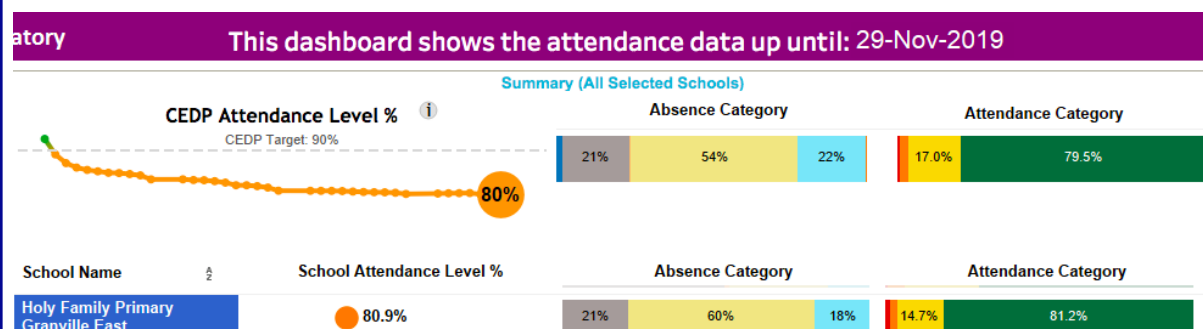
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## Swimming Carnival

Our Swimming Carnival will be held on Friday the 6th December at Granville Pool. The carnival will commence around 9:45am and conclude by 1:45pm. The children will travel to and from the pool by bus. If you would like to take your child home from the pool at the conclusion of the carnival, please inform the class teacher of your intention. All children will need to be signed out by a parent only, unless we have written permission from the parent stating another arrangement. I ask that children remain at the pool until the end of the carnival to celebrate the house colour winner and to also be part of our school spirit. We are still asking for parent helpers to assist on the day. If you are able to help, please contact Kelly Keane in the front office.

These days are very stressful for the teachers as we are in a public facility and we must comply with our processes and procedures to ensure the safety of all our students. We ask parents to please abide by school rules at the carnival and follow any requests made by staff on the day.

## Student Attendance



As you can see from the table above we are just above the diocesan level but still under the targeted 90% attendance. Let's see if we can reach a higher percentage over the last few weeks of term.

## Student 'Meet The Teacher' Afternoon

Each year we provide an opportunity for students Kindergarten to Year 5 to transition to their grade for the following year, to meet their new teachers for the next year. This will take place on Monday 16th December. New students for these classes in 2020 will also be invited to join the transition so that they may meet their teachers and new classmates.

Staff list for all classes in 2020 will be included in the final newsletter of 2019.

## Gearing Up For Parent Engagement in Student Learning

Catholic School Parents Australia has developed a toolkit to help families and schools provide smooth transitions for students into both primary and secondary schools. The aim of this website is to develop a better understanding of the importance of relationships between home and school.

Available here: <https://cspa.schoolzineplus.com/principals-school-staff-primary>

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## Upcoming School Events

We continue to move toward the end of the school year, with many events and activities taking place. Please put these dates in your diaries and make it a priority to support these events as your children and their teachers have put a lot of time and effort to prepare for these.

**This week: Swimming Carnival Years 2-6**, Friday 6th December at Granville Pool

**Next Week:** Thursday 12th December - **End of Year Mass** 9:15am

Thursday 12th December- **Christmas Concert** 5:30pm- 7:00pm

Friday 13th December - **Final Celebration of Learning Assembly** for 2019 2:00pm

**Week 11:** Tuesday 17th December - **Year 6 Graduation Mass** 6:00pm

## 2020 Kindergarten Transition

Our final Kindergarten Transition for our 2020 cohort will take place this Thursday 5th December. This has been an extremely successful program providing the opportunity for both the students and parents to meet those families who will walk the learning journey with them for the next seven years at Holy Family Primary School. Thank you to all the staff who have worked behind the scenes in preparing the smooth execution of this program and all the parents who have attended the parent sessions.

## Second Semester Academic Student Reports

Semester Two student reports will be handed out on Monday the 9th December. I have had an opportunity to read all 289 student reports this week and I am very impressed with the progress made by the children and the consistent high standard and effort they have put into their learning.

## Lost Clothing & Borrowed Uniform

I ask parents to please check the lost property tub for any missing items. As the year is coming to an end all items left over at the end of the year will be disposed of. Please label your child's clothing, lunch box and drink bottles. Items that are labelled find their way back to their owners. Can any items borrowed from the school when students have needed a change of uniform please be returned this week as our supplies are now running low. If anyone has sports shorts at home they no longer fit into the sick bay would welcome the donation.

*Let us remember that as many hands build a house, so many hearts make this school.*

Kind regards,

*Mrs Cheryl Fortini*

*Principal*





## Read & win

### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Win a  
**GOOGLE  
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Read as many books as you can, tell us why you love them, and you could win one of two Google Chromebooks or one of thirty gift vouchers valued at \$30.



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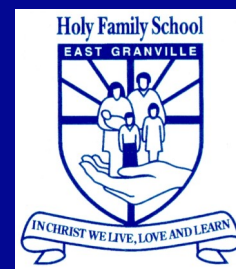




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## STUDENT AWARDS

We congratulate **Week 7 Term 4** Student of the Week Award recipients :

Kindy	Jiesen Lin	Ava White
Year 1	Marcus Senesi	Joachim Halapio
Year 2	Liufau Saulala	
Year 3	George Khawly	Abby Lagivola
Year 4	Tyrell Firmin	Tiana Nakhoul
Year 5	Jacob Abdulbaki	Rachelle Tawk
Year 6	Johnny Kayrouz	Rhiannyn Griffiths

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## STUDENT AWARDS

We congratulate **Week 8 Term 4** Student of the Week Award recipients :

Kindy	Cairee Piniero	Jouli Moussa
Year 1	Jing Chen	Bon Senesi
Year 2	David Niulala	Isabella Bazevski
Year 3	Jessica Nassar	Anushka Raya
Year 4	Josaia Visei	Shania Eru Sua
Year 5	Nathanael Kolo	Morgan Chen
Year 6	Matthew Ishac	Najweh Katrib





## BIRTHDAY WISHES !

Congratulations to the following students who celebrated their birthday in December



Etan Anwar	Fabian Anwar
Mariyan Anwar	Nicholas Bitar
Nicholas El Chediac	Christian El Khoury
Chris Georges	Joseph Habib
Suzanna Hannouch	Joe Helou
Chanel Makdissi	Violet Makdissi
Rania Marcos	Jeremiah Nakhoul
Prince Nyakoi	Laulina Pisu
Rylan Roebeck	Gladys Silverwood
Jonny Silverwood	Karylee Siron-Swainson
Maria Sukkar	Masele Taliu
Leonardo Valore	Arica Wang
Mia Xue	



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HFS Parent Calendar - Term 4, 2019		
Week	Date	Event
8	Monday 2/12	9am Advent Liturgy
	Thursday 5/12	2020 Kindergarten Transition
	Friday 6/12	Swimming Carnival Years 2-6
9	Monday 9/12	Reports Go Home
	Thursday 12/12	9:15am End of Year Mass
	Thursday 12/12	5:30 Christmas Concert
	Friday 13/12	2pm Assembly - Years K, 2, 4 & 6 presenting
10	Monday 16/12	Yr6 Fun Day
	Tuesday 17/12	6pm Year 6 Graduation Mass
	Wednesday 18/12	Last Day of School

*If your child is not returning to Holy Family in 2020 please complete a form at the school office or send a letter to Mrs Fortini stating the last day of attendance at Holy Family and which school they will be moving onto in 2020. Please note that a term's notice in writing must be given to the Principal before the removal of a student or 10 week's fees will be payable. This does not apply to Year 6 students.*

## **SCHOOL FEES & CLOSE OFF**

**Thank you to everyone who has finalised their school fees.**

**School Fee Statements have been mailed by the Catholic Education Office.**

***If you have difficulty in paying school fees or have not received your statement please contact Miss Ali to discuss the matter. Thank You***

Payments can be made by cash or EFTPOS at the school office **before 3.15 PM** each day or via BPAY or at the Post Office.

**Due to end of year finance close off any fees, hats or bag purchases must be completed by 12/12/2019**

