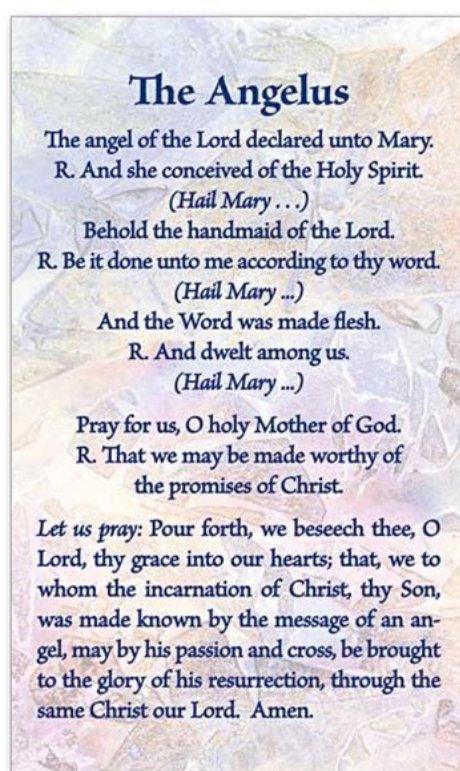


### Year 6 Religious Education - *Why me?*

In Religious Education, to build confidence and understanding around leading our whole school community in praying the Angelus, Year 6 worked on deepening their knowledge of and made connections to Scripture (Luke 1:26-45) and the Angelus prayer.



Students worked in their communication groups to highlight their noticings as well as defining the meaning of the words within the prayer.

As well, in our unit we will work together to answer our driving question *Why me?*

Year 6 looked at the life of Deng Thiak Adut, a Suddanese refugee and the challenges he has faced in his childhood and journey to becoming the first person in his family to graduate with a law degree. Also, throughout our unit we will be exploring ways in which we are invited to accept our Cross and walk with others.



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## *From the Principal...*

Dear Parents and Friends,

### **Parent Information Night**

Thank you to all parents who were able to attend last week's Parent Information evening. It was wonderful to see so many parents who were interested in finding out about the Captivate Band Program as well as meeting their child/ren's class teachers and the learning journey they have planned for 2020.

### **Road Safety & Obeying Road Rules**

On Friday the Cumberland Council sent out rangers to patrol the school and monitor parents parking habits and use of the Clyde St Pick Up Zone after complaints from residents. They did not book anyone but did take photos and have conversations with some parents.

It is imperative that all Holy Family parents and carers obey the road rules. Please do not park across private driveways, do not double park. When queuing up for Clyde St Pick Up drivers should leave at least 10m from the corner of Nobbs St.



### **Safety tips for drivers using a Drop-off and Pick-up zones**

- Always drop off or pick up your child from the designated zone and follow the school's procedures.
- Drivers should remain in their vehicles at all times in the Drop-off and Pick-up zone.
- Make sure children use the Safety Door (the rear footpath side door) to get in and out of the car.
- Make sure the handbrake is applied when the vehicle is stationary.
- Always park legally.
- Avoid dangerous manoeuvres such as U-turns and three-point turns.

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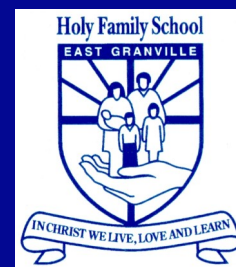
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## Safety tips for students

- Always get in and out of the vehicle through the Safety Door, the rear footpath side door.
- Stay buckled up until the vehicle has stopped in the Drop-off and Pick-up area.
- Make sure your school bag and other items are in a safe position, such as on the floor.
- Be ready to get out of the vehicle with your belongings when the car has stopped and you have unbuckled your seatbelt.

## School Uniform

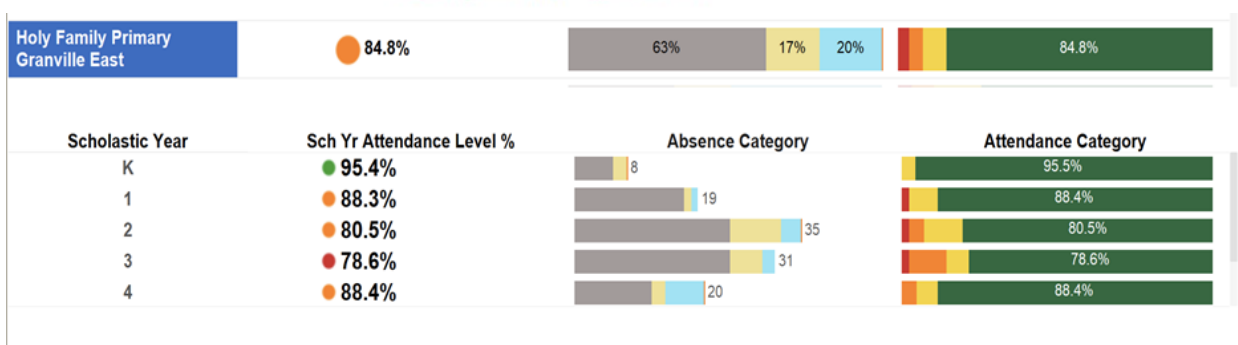
I am so happy that the students are really taking such pride in the way that they are wearing their school uniform, consistently looking well presented and neat. Thank you to all the parents who are assisting their child in wearing the correct uniform. I have also noticed a reduction in the number of students wearing fluoro coloured joggers on sports days. White or mainly white joggers are what the school expects the children to wear.

## Attendance



While CEDP target is set at 90% attendance the average for the diocese last week was 85% and Holy Family was at 84.8%. This is an improvement on the last fortnight and I hope it is an indication of positive growth in attendance for the year.

A huge congratulations to Kindergarten who had 95.5% attendance. This is a great start that I'm sure will continue as this cohort progresses through school.



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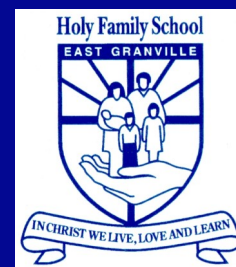
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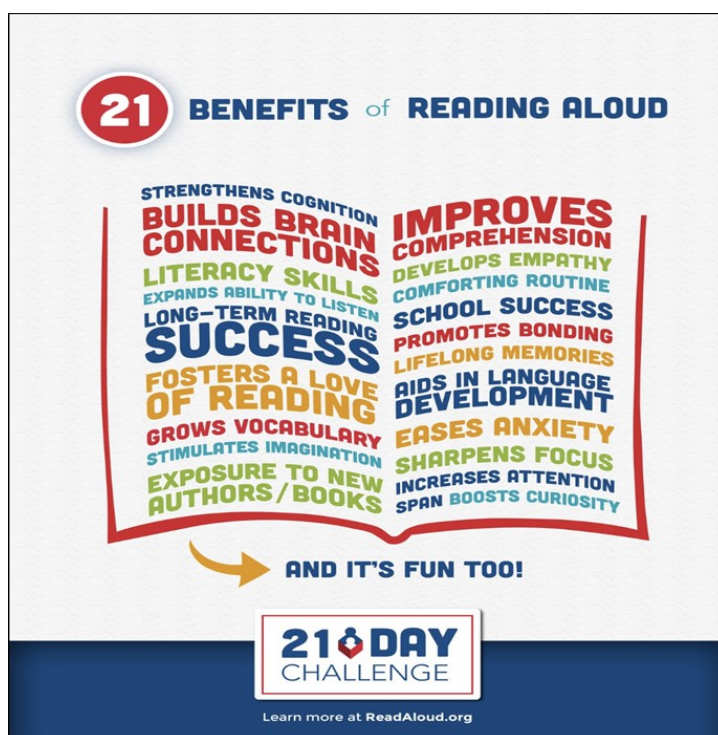
## FIAT ~ Faith in Action Team

This year Holy Family students have become part of a diocesan initiative called FIAT promoting the lived action of our faith within all areas of our school community.

**FIAT stands for Faith In Action Team. "Fiat" also means Mary's yes to God.**

The rationale for FIAT states that it offers voluntary formation (head, heart and hands) experiences for students that compliments the ongoing formation experiences of the school community. It offers opportunities for witness from teachers involved and committed to their faith.

Mr Eid is coordinating and working with Holy Family's inaugural FIAT group consisting of ten Year 6 Leaders. They attended the LIFTED LIVE day last Wednesday at Rooty Hill. They experienced a variety of activities and have committed to complete a challenge given by Bishop Vincent. See what these leaders had to say about the experience further in the newsletter.



Kind regards,

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

*Mrs Cheryl Fortini*

*Principal*

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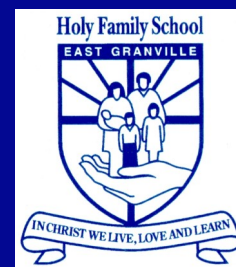
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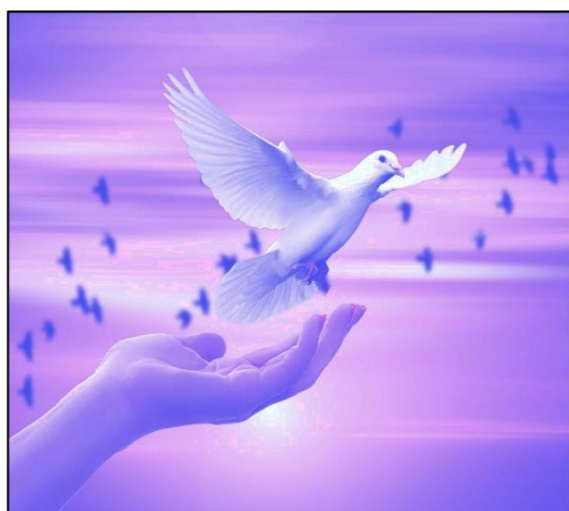






## PARENT RETREAT DAY

Catholic Education, Diocese of Parramatta are offering a Retreat Day for Parents. Please see the details below. If you would like any help in registering for this, please see Mrs Fortini or Mr Baker. We encourage any interested parents to participate in this experience as a way of deepening their faith.



*'Walking with humility  
in the way of Jesus,  
serving all of God's people'*  
Draft RE Rationale

*Into the Deep*



Catholic Education  
Diocese of Parramatta

### PARENT RETREAT DAY

Wednesday 13 May 2020

9.30 – 2.30

ST JOSEPHS RETREAT CENTRE

BARINA DOWNS RD, BAULKHAMHILLS

Join parents from the Parramatta Diocese in a day of personal TRANSFORMATION as you nurture faith through reflection, small group discussion and creative activities.

Explore the concept of WITNESS as you interact with Scripture, God, Self and Others.

For more information: Donna Dempsey 0407597426  
[ddempsey1@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:ddempsey1@parra.catholic.edu.au)

For Registration  
click the  
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Please RSVP  
by  
1 April

## Zone Swimming Carnival

12/2/2020

We had arrived at Mt Druitt swimming pool to realise that somebody had not arrived at the right time. It was Mark late as always, eating McDonalds.

Before our races we decided to watch the other competitors to see what we were up against. After we had a good look, it was time for our race. We all got prepared for our races in the marshalling area, and Dylan and Mark stood on the starting block.



The starter shouted “On your marks,” and at that moment the ear piercing sound came out of the speakers “EEERRR”. The swimmers dived in the pool and swam like a shark.

After a while it was Sukkum’s turn, she stood on the block and dived in the pool. In a rotation on waiting and swimming, we finally finished our events. It was an enjoyable day and we loved representing our school.

**By Sukkum & Mark**



## FIAT(Faith in Action Team) Committee!

The day began when we saw our mini bus ready for the trip that would knock our socks off. We picked up Holy Trinity students and after a long bus trip we finally made it to our destination. As we walked into the location, we were guided to where the concert would be held.

With our front row seats we were ready to have a blast. We were introduced to an AMAZING singer named Gen Bryant who used her experiences during the darkest of times to inspire others. She created a mashup of songs and made her own about how she felt about God. There were many slide shows shown on the screens that informed us of very cool facts and quotes too.

Later on we met BISHOP VINCENT and he told us a lot of things that would help us in our everyday lives, and he also gave us challenges to do as a group. Soon Gen Bryant came back and sung a few more songs and Zivelle & Sienna were selected to assist Gen with a song, along with a few others from different schools.



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We were then assigned tasks to follow Jesus's footsteps and get to know others better. Once we finished with that task we had lunch together and took a photo with the Bishop. Lunch was amazing and we were provided with an abundance of sandwiches.

We then sat together for a task with Holy Trinity. We wrote things that could help the environment and now we have a new challenge to do as the HFS FIAT committee. We have to create a 2 minute video about all the changes we had made to our school based on what we wrote and it is due by the end of Term 2.

We then got ready to leave and Gen Bryant sang 1 more song with us. Then we left and travelled back to school. It was a GREAT day.

By : Sienna, Zivelle & Angelina B



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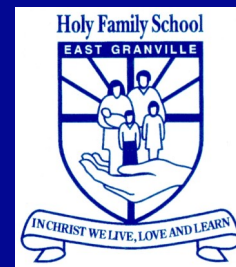
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## The Rubbish Show



On Monday the 17th February, Holy Family Primary school were lucky enough to attend a show performed by an entertaining magician, Magic Mike. Mike focused on the term “reduce-reuse-recycle” and the importance of it to the environment. Magic Mike performed many cool tricks based on the theme, it was really fascinating and interesting to watch. Magic Mike created and invented cool instruments and toys with just everyday utensils and items you tend to throw away daily for eg: we learnt how to design a kazoo out of an old plastic comb and a recycled piece of paper. We learnt that our trash could be someone else's treasure. We saw with our own eyes that if we recycle our cans we're helping produce something for another person to buy and most importantly we're helping our environment.



By Laura Spina & Angelina.K





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## AFL



17/2/20

AFL or Australian Football League is a sport that we are learning at HFS. The Greater Western Sydney Giants are coaching us to expand our knowledge on AFL.

During the AFL training we learnt many things like marking, rules, kicking and more. We learnt about the basic rules of AFL including different areas and how shooting in different areas affect the amount of points that you get.

To mark the ball you need to catch the ball without it bouncing on the ground. There are 3 types of mark's: Teddy Bear mark- (Catching the ball on your chest), Superman mark- (Catching the ball above the head) and Zombie mark- (Catching the ball in front of you).

When you get ready to kick the ball you have to hold the ball in your hands making sure that the ball is facing the direction that you kick. When you kick you have to step, drop, then kick. You take a step forward then drop the ball to your feet. While the ball is still in the air you need to kick it. This is a way to make sure that your kick is high and far. As you can see we have learnt alot about AFL and can't wait to keep learning these skills.

By Sukkum and Rania

### **SCHOOL FEES— First Term Due by Wednesday 18/3/2020**

School Fee Statements have started to be mailed by the Catholic Education Office this week with instructions on how to make payments. Online and Credit card payments preferred.

If you have any concerns or issues making payments after receiving your statement please see Ms Ali in the office.

Any students leaving in 2020 must give 10 weeks written notice, a form is available





## BIRTHDAY WISHES !

Congratulations to the following students who celebrate their birthday in February



James Achi	Aawahang Angbo
Elina Ding	Angelina El Boutty
Eliane El Ghoubaria	Ava Elali
Catalina Houshman	Amelia Katrib
Tristan Lancaster	Yuhan Lin
Samuel Livingstone	Animesh Maharjan
Nabil Nassar	Abuk Ngor
Cairee Piniero	Rohan Puri
Derek Saulala	Yuhan Shi
Jacinta Taleb	Sophia Taouk
Justin Wang	



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## STUDENT AWARDS

We congratulate **Week 3 Term 1** Student of the Week Award recipients :

Kindy	Jacinta Taleb	
Year 1	Yihan Lu	Leo You
Year 2	Gavin Matro	Jade Sikimeti
Year 3	Solomone Lemoto	Christian El Khoury
Year 4	Alexander Faletau	Thelma Pearce
Year 5	Jamee El Kady	Lachlan Feher-Hegarty
Year 6	Caterina Valore	Daniel Yaacoub

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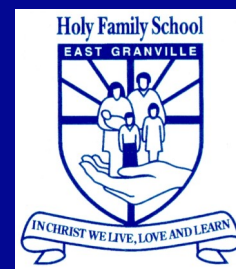




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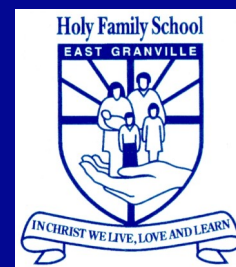


## STUDENT AWARDS

We congratulate **Week 4 Term 1** Student of the Week Award recipients :

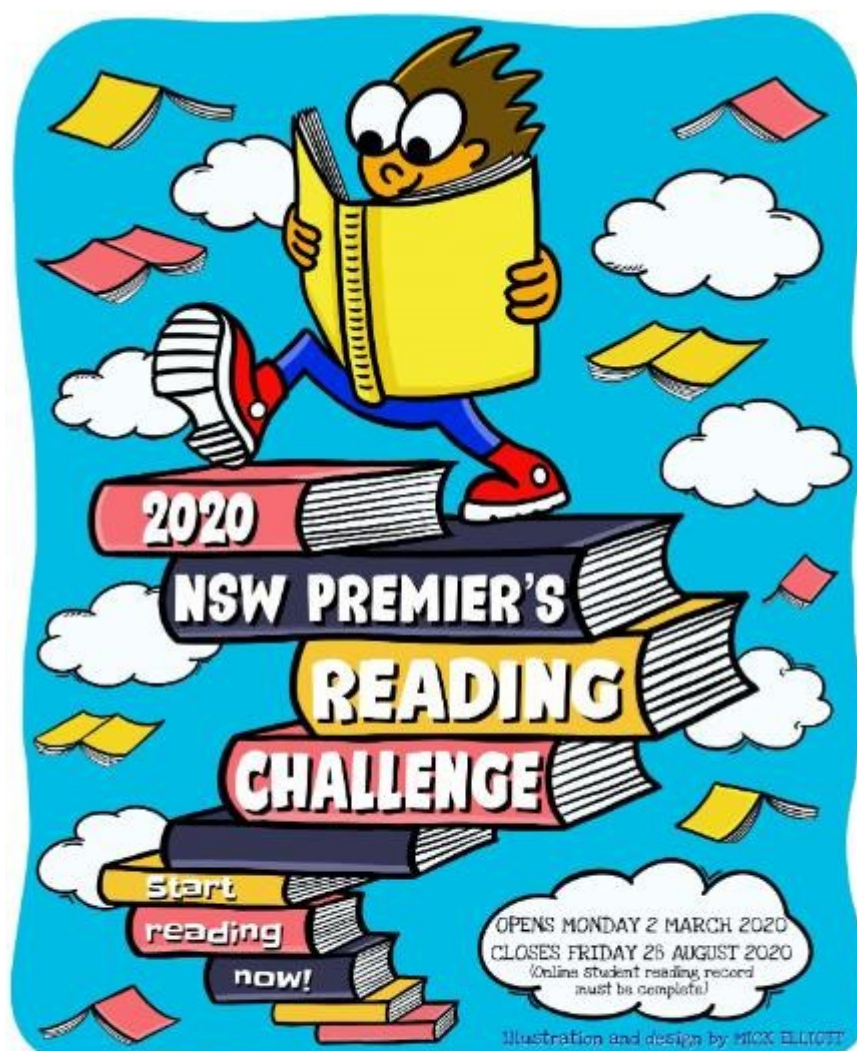
Kindy	Niki Chen	Jimmy Lin
Year 1	Cairee Piniero	Sydney Bose
Year 2	Augustine Huang	Annie Isaac
Year 3	Chanel Davis	Gabriella Yacoub
Year 4	Gabriel Katrib	Samuel Georges
Year 5	Sebastian El Khoury	Patrick Kirby
Year 6	Mark Sorojevic	Sienna Shamoun





## Premier's Reading Challenge 2020

The challenge will start 2 March 2020 and end 28 August 2020. Any questions see Mrs Gordon on your next visit to our library and pick up a registration form or go to <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>.



[www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au](http://www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au)





### How to best be informed about what is happening at Holy Family East Granville At Holy Family

There are three main resources to help keep you informed as to what is taking place. These are:

1. The fortnightly newsletter
2. SkoolBag App
3. Facebook

### Newsletter:

The newsletter is published on the school website every fortnight at the following link:

<http://www.hfgranville.catholic.edu.au/Community/Newsletters>

On the right hand side of this page is a subscription form. Once subscribed you will receive an email notifying you when the newsletter has been uploaded.

Links and notices to the newsletter will also be made available by SkoolBag and our school Facebook page.

### SkoolBag App:

To access the SkoolBag app, on the Apple App Store or Google Play store simply download the SkoolBag app as shown.

Once downloaded and opened the app, tap the add/remove button on the top of the screen and then search for Holy Family Granville. Once you have searched this, tap the '+' icon on the right of the school name and then you will be subscribed to Holy Family on SkoolBag.

### Facebook:

To access our schools Facebook page simply search 'HFSPEG' in the Facebook search bar, or search the whole school name 'Holy Family Primary School, East Granville'.

If on a computer, the schools Facebook page can be accessed by going to the link:

<https://www.facebook.com/HFPSEG/>

You do not need a Facebook account to view the school Facebook page.

On the Facebook page we will regularly post photos and videos of events and activities that take place within the whole school and classrooms. Additionally, information is posted on the Facebook page to best inform you of any events or changes that may be taking place.

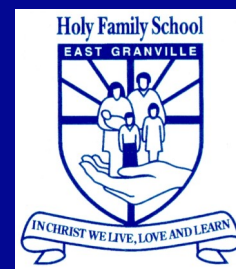




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HFS Parent Calendar - Term 1, 2020		
Week	Date	Event
4	Wednesday 19/2	Fundraising for Fire Relief- Red/Orange Day
	Thursday 20/2	Crazy Hair reward day (normal uniform, no gold coin)
	Friday 21/2	Opening School Mass 9:15am
		Year 6 Commissioning 10:00am
5	Wednesday 26/2	Ash Wednesday Mass
	Friday 28/2	Whole School Assembly (Grades 1, 3, 5, 6 Presenting)
6	Monday 2/3	Fundraising meeting 9 am - All parents welcome
	Tuesday 3/3	Parent Learning Walk—9 am
	Wednesday 4/3	Open Day 2:00-5:00pm
7	Thursday 12/3	Women In Sport Roadshow
	Friday 13/3	Cross Country & Infants Activities Day
8	Tuesday 19/3	St Joseph's Day Whole School Liturgy 9:15am
9	Wednesday 25/3	The Annunciation of the Lord Liturgy 11:40am
10	Thursday 2/4	Student Led Conferences 5:00-7:00pm
	Friday 3/4	Whole School Assembly Grades K, 2, 4
11	Monday 6/4	Palm Sunday Liturgy
	Tuesday 7/4	School Photos
	Wednesday 8/4	Holy Week Liturgy <u>Last Day</u> for Students for Term 1
	Thursday 9/4	STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

Crazy Hair Day **this** Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February



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