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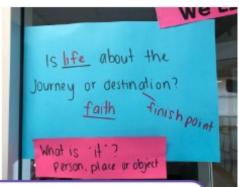
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This term in Year 6 our driving question for RELIGION is:

Is it about the journey or destination?

We identified the key words in our driving question as JOURNEY and DESTINATION. We then worked in our communication groups and recorded what we KNOW and WHAT WE NEED TO KNOW in order to answer our driving question. We also unpacked the "it" in our driving question and discovered that it was referring to LIFE!



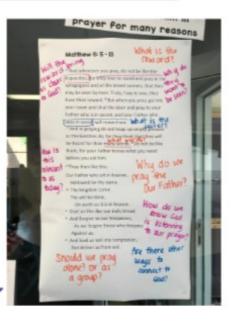


As we discovered the answers to our NEED TO KNOWS we were able to move it to our KNOWS!

We researched the lives of Jesus, Mary, Mother Teresa and many more and discovered the challenges they faced and how their journey was related to God's plan.

We unpacked the scripture passage Matthew 6: 5 - 13. We had many questions and wonderings about the passage. We identified the importance of prayer and how we are given the freedom to engage with God in prayer as we journey.

Heaven is our true destination towards which we are all journeying to!



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From the Principal...

Dear Parents and Carers.

Staff Development Day

Last week the staff were engaged in a day of deep learning, unpacking part of the Draft New Curriculum and planning Learning Cycles for Term 3. I would like to thank all the staff for their enthusiasm and openness to new learning so that they can deliver engaging learning opportunities for their students. Thank you to Mr Baker for his continued professionalism in preparing the day and working alongside colleagues from CEDP.

Draft New Curriculum ~ Religious Education

Religious Education in the Diocese of Parramatta has undergone much change in the last two years. Term 3 2020 marks the next step towards a new curriculum that will replace 'Sharing Our Story', the current curriculum that has been in place for over 20 years.

The process of developing a new approach, currently known as the Draft New Curriculum, has been a collaboration with students, parents, teachers, clergy and system leaders. This innovative and ambitious project has led to the development of Learning Cycles (one per term), that apply scripture and tradition in a meaningful way to the contemporary life of young people. This endeavour supports our students to grow in faith and understanding through prayer, reason and action in daily life.

In Term 3, using experiential learning through student inquiry, students in all grades but in particular Stage 3, will engage with one Learning Cycle (unit of work) from the Draft New Curriculum. In preparation for the 2021 implementation, teachers are continuing to participate in extensive theological formation and professional learning.

This is an exciting opportunity for our faith community of Holy Family Primary School to further exclaim our commitment to empowering all our young people to discover a meaningful and flourishing life.

We look forward to sharing this journey with you throughout the term and will keep you updated about opportunities that will extend the learning experience further for students and their families.

Pyjama Day

Thank you to all our families for sending your children in their pyjamas last Friday and supporting this year's St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal. A cheque for \$471.80 was donated to the society.

Enrolments Holy Family 2021

Interviews for Kindergarten 2021 are now taking place. If your child was born between 1st August 2015 and 31st July 2016, please collect an enrolment package from the school office. Enrolments will be closing in the near future.



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Delaney College Enrolments Due

To all our Year 6 families have you enrolled your child into high school for 2021? Enrolments are now due. Our local feeder high school, Delany College is in the process of conducting interviews. I encourage our Year 6 parents to return their completed enrolment forms to the school as soon as possible.

School Reports

At Holy Family we have greatly appreciated and valued the support and input you gave and continually give your child/ children's learning during this challenging time.

As a result of the disruption to our regular teaching and learning programs we have had limited opportunities to observe your child/ children in a formal school setting. For some students this has impacted on their learning outcomes.

In response, you will receive a modified Semester One Report that recognises and reflects each student's learning in three Key Learning Areas: Religious Education, English and Mathematics. It will not be an A-E Report or be as detailed as the previous reports due to Covid-19. This report will indicate each student's current progress in the three key areas.

We will have Parent/Teacher/ Student interviews in Weeks 2 and 3 of next term. A note regarding the process to book your interview with your child's teacher will be sent home at the beginning of Term 3.

End of Term

This Friday 3rd July is the last day of Term 2. We will commence Term 3 on Monday 20th July. Once Term 3 commences afternoon dismissal time will return to 3:10pm but will still follow the current routine of parents lining up along the footpath on The Trongate keeping social distancing. Unfortunately parents are still not allowed on school grounds unless they have business in the office or picking up their child.

Lost Property

Has your child lost their jacket? Jumper? Drink bottle or lunch box? The pile of lost property has grown. Please encourage your child to check in Lost Property for any lost items. Once again I encourage parents to LABEL all of your child's belongings as items can be easily returned. Remember names fade over time, check that your child's name is still readable.



Gonski Institute for Education **Parent and Caregiver** Resources

Resource for Parents

A great resource for parents was recently released. This site provides a range of articles and tips about education and child wellbeing. Gonski Parent Resource Page



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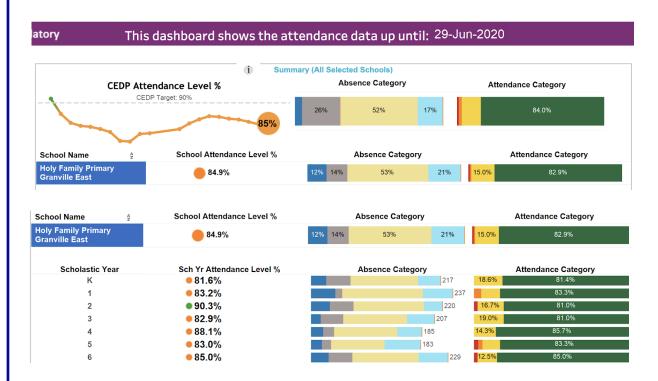
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New SMS System & Attendance

Thank you to all the parents who have responded to the SMS when their child is absent. It has reduced wasting paper and time. When you receive an SMS, please reply within 2 days by clicking on the link. This is proving a very efficient system.



As we conclude Term 2 I wish to congratulate all our students and families on ensuring that they are at school daily. Our attendance data verifies that we have been working together to ensure students are at school learning. We were only 0.1 below the diocesan average. Congratulations to Year 2 who had over 90% attendance in the last fortnight. I wonder how many more grades can be recognised in Term 3 for 90% and over attendance?

Winter Uniform

When we return in Term 3 all students will be required to wear the full winter uniform. This includes ties and correct school shoes. If your child wears a scarf and/or gloves to school please try and purchase navy blue, the school colour. Also label these items with your child's name.



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Covid-19 Community Information

COVID-19 testing

Do you, or someone you know, have a sore/scratchy throat, cough, fever, shortness of breath or unusual aches and pains? Other reported symptoms of COVID-19 include loss of smell, loss of taste, runny nose, diarrhoea, nausea/vomiting and loss of appetite. If you are experiencing even the mildest of symptoms, you are encouraged to get tested

COVID-19 tests are free for everyone. Call your GP or the Coronavirus Information line on 1800 020 080 for information. If you need a test, you can visit a COVID-19 clinic: www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/covid-19/Pages/clinics.aspx

Testing is available at the following public clinics in western Sydney:

Blacktown Hospital

18 Blacktown Road, Blacktown 7am - 11pm, 7 days Phone (02) 9881 8000

Westmead Hospital

Level 2, E Block, Corner of Hawkesbury Road and Darcy Road, Westmead 7am - 9pm, 7 days Phone (02) 8890 5555

The Children's Hospital, Westmead

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Website: http://www.hfgranville.catholic.edu.au

Corner of Hawkesbury Road and Hainsworth Street, Westmead 10am - 8pm, 7 days (02) 9845 0000

Drive through and other GP-led testing clinics

A drive-through clinic has opened at Merrylands Stockland Mall. This clinic is open to the public Monday to Friday from 9am to 4pm. The clinic will provide a faster COVID-19 swab test for people with symptoms, with most tests done in 10 minutes. Other GP-led respiratory clinics are found in Blacktown, Castle Hill and Riverstone. See here for more information on the new clinic.

I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable holiday. Keep safe, wash hands regularly and maintain social distancing.

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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Building Child Safe Communities - Volunteer Undertaking

Dear Parents/Carers

In Catholic Education Diocese Parramatta (CEDP), we see parents and carers as partners in your child's learning journey. Parents and carers are encouraged to become involved in our schools in many important ways such as supporting classroom learning, being part of advisory groups, mentoring programs, coaching sporting teams and supporting other extra-curricular activities, canteen support and other kinds of help.

A range of checks and undertakings are required for people who work for or provide services to CEDP. These checks reduce potential risk and form part of our strategy to build child safe communities.

CEDP has launched a new Building Child Safe Communities form and online training module that all volunteers are required to complete.

The purpose of this training is to inform you of the standards of behaviour and other requirements that must be adhered to when volunteering for CEDP.

The undertaking should take no more than 5 minutes to complete and the training module approximately 10 minutes. Once the form and training modules are submitted, an automated email will be sent to you within two business days to confirm the status of your submission.

The undertaking form will expire within two years or when your Working With Children Check expires (if applicable), whichever is sooner. At that time you will need to complete the undertaking form and training module again. You will receive an automatic reminder email when this occurs.

Further information on the new online form and training module can be found at www.parra.catholic.edu.au and clicking on about us/building child safe communities. Within the form you will also find help sheets and a video tutorial to assist you. Thank you in advance for your support.

Last Day Term 2—Friday 3 July First Day Term 3—Monday 20 July

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

NEW Absentee Note System

If a teacher marks a student as 'Not Present' an SMS will go out to parents around 12 pm. Please click on the link in the SMS and follow the instruction, there is then no need to send a written note. If you need help please see Miss Keane in the office. All notes must be returned within **7 days** of the absence or the student will be marked as 'Unexplained, unjustified absence'.

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B4SL We use our manners with teachers and peers!

At Holy Family in our PB4SL lessons we learnt the importance of showing respect by using our manners. Using our manners is important because it is a kind and respectful way to communicate.





When have you used your manners today?





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Stay informed with the SkoolBag App



The SkoolBag app is the easiest way to stay up-to-date with school events, last minutes notices, newsletters and **all** school communications.



Download the app

Search for the free SkoolBag app in the Apple App or Google Play Store



Create an account

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STUDENT AWARDS

We congratulate Week 9 Term 2 Student of the Week Award recipients:

Kindy	Samuel Nassour	Aubery Zheng
Year 1	Lawrence Kirby	Maroun Dib
Year 2	Michael Commodore	Cloud Sila
Year 3	Natalie Isaac	Charbel Dib
Year 4	Jason Chen	Isabella De Freitas
Year 5	Isaiah Bose	Annabelle Wehbe
Year 6	Annalise El Khoury	Alana Achi

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We congratulate Week 10 Term 2 Student of the Week Award recipients:

Kindy	Patrick Kpaka	Stephen Huang
Year 1	Jordan Vu	Theo Niulala
Year 2	Charli Paleologos	Joanna Lin
Year 3	Charbel Dib	Xavier Kurdi
Year 4	George Khawly	Sophia Taouk
Year 5	Tiana Nakhoul	Tyrell Firmin
Year 6	William Auguer	Sienna Shamoun

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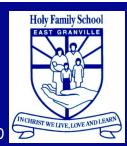
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BIRTHDAY WISHES!

Congratulations to the following students who celebrate their birthday in July



Celena Achi	Rayan Basnet
Sidney Bose	Jerry Chen
Morgan Chen	Isabella De Freitas
Elio Dib	Clara Maria El Kadi
Elias El Kadi	Annalise El Khoury
Siupeli Faletau	Stella Faletau
Anweshi Ghale	Jonah Katrib
Joshua Katrib	Lawrence Kirby
Nathanael Kolo	Krista Kumar
Trisha Kumar	Olivia Kurdi
Rushil Limbu	Jimmy Lin
William Livingstone	Aarna Puri
Semisi Saulala	Yusha Sharhan
Aiden Sorojevic	Josaia Visei
Hana Wardrop	Simona Zappia

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Fact Sheet for Parents and Caregivers - Explanation of Absences

CEDP promotes daily school attendance. Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education.

If your child is sick or absent you are required to notify their school on the first day of absence if at all possible. All explanations to the school must be provided within 7 days from the first day of any period of absence.

Absences can be explained using one of the following methods:

SMS: respond with reason to school notification of absence—preferred

Online: log the absence directly using Skool Bag App

Email: the school at holyfamilyegranville@parra.catholic.edu.au

Note sent with your child

Where an explanation has not been received within the 7 day timeframe or the explanation has not been accepted, the school will record the absence as unexplained or unjustified on the student's record. The school will not be able to accept explanations which are not received within the 7 day timeframe.

Justified reasons for student absences may include:

being sick or having an infectious disease having an unavoidable medical appointment being required to attend a recognised religious holiday exceptional or urgent family circumstances e.g. attending a funeral

Why do I need to notify the school if my child is absent?

Parents of children aged 6 to 17 years are legally required to ensure their children attend school every day or provide an explanation if they are absent. Notifying the school and providing an explanation for your child's absence will fulfil this legal responsibility.

The safety and wellbeing of students are the highest priorities for schools. Parents need to know if their child isn't at school, and schools need to know when and why a child is absent. Notifying the school of your child's absence helps ensure the safety and wellbeing of all children in school.

What is your responsibility?

Ensure your child attends school every day

Notify the school immediately if your child is absent

Provide an explanation for any absences within 7 days

Make sure the school has your correct contact details so that you can receive attendance information about your child

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