

# What is a sacrament?

This term, Year 4 has been learning about the different signs and symbols in Religion and how they help us encounter God. In our entry event, we explored different images and spoke about how they connect with each other.







Can you guess what the connections are?



We are learning about different sacraments and how they are organised. Mr Baker has challenged us to create a variety of boxes to help the students of Holy Family learn about all the sacraments. Watch out on Facebook to see what we create!

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Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

There are many in our school community that are struggling with family health issues at the moment. Please keep all of those in need in your prayers.

### Lebanon Appeal

Last week the world watched in horror as the news of the bomb exploding in Beirut and the devastating results hit our screens and social media sites. Many of our Holy Family school community have close connections to Lebanon and were extremely worried about their loved ones.

Thank you to Mrs Aoun for bringing to my attention yesterday, a Relief Appeal for non perishable items that is being shipped to Lebanon this weekend. Last Saturday was the feast day of St Mary of the Cross McKillop. St Mary's most notable saying was "See a need, do something about it". The disaster in Lebanon is definitely a great need that we can do something practical to help. Donations will be accepted until Friday 1:00pm.

The following items have been suggested:

Rice Red kidney beans Chickpeas Lentils Salt Sugar Long life milk Adult nappies **Baby nappies** Woman's hygiene Panamax Biscuits Tissues Toilet paper Non alcoholic wipes Pasta Pasta sauce Flour Soaps Toiletries Clothing

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### School Crossing Supervisor

After applying several times for a crossing supervisor for the crossing on The Trongate, Transport for NSW has finally approved our application. Our School Crossing Supervisor has begun today. In order to maintain this vital service I ask that parents make the effort in modelling to their children the use of the crossing to cross the road rather than crossing nearing the Church. The main reason for applying for the crossing was to ensure the safety of all members of our school community.

Our School Crossing Supervisor, Robin, will be on duty from 8:15am-9:15am and from 2:30pm-3:30pm each day.

## Hair Cuts

Students are to keep hair off their face and out of their eyes. Student haircuts are to be in a sensible and conventional style. There are not to be any extremes of fashion in hairstyle cut or colour. Shaving of any part of the head or undercuts, and haircuts with a number 1 or 2 blade are not permitted. Rat's tails are not permitted. For girls, long hair below the shoulder should be tied back by a ribbon, 'scrunchy', hair band or clip in navy blue colour.

The above paragraph is directly from the school's Parent Handbook. Parents please support the school in following school policy and making sure your child comes to school with an appropriate hairstyle.

### Arrival Time at school

**School begins at 8:50am.** The number of students arriving on or after the bell each day has increased to an unacceptable level. Children enjoy the time before school to socialise with their friends and prepare for the day ahead. Arriving after the bell means they miss that opportunity and can miss out on important morning notices or the first part of their learning. **Please ensure that your child arrives at school on time each day.** 

### 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.

### Should we let our children struggle or should we come to their rescue?

Quite often children compare themselves when they struggle with something. And it can be very discouraging for them ("Jake is always so good at math and I am not...") So when we witness that we want to jump in and HELP our kids so they stop struggling. But is this really the best thing to do for them?

Let's find out...

Should we let our children struggle or should we come to their rescue?

When we let our children struggle, we help them **build the muscle** they need to overcome challenges in the future. It's very difficult to see our children struggle and our immediate desire is to **save** them.

But imagine you're lifting weights at the gym. At the first sign of struggle or strain, a well-meaning bystander lifts the weight for you. **Every time.** Are you going to get any stronger? Will you ever discover just how strong you can be? The same concept applies when we refuse to let our children struggle. If we always solve problems for them, they will never learn to solve problems for themselves. We actually imply that they are **not capable** of overcoming obstacles or succeeding on their own.





So how can you empower your children when they are struggling, instead?

**1. LISTEN and empathize.** Sometimes children do not expect us to help and all they need is a listening ear. Practice listening when your child vents to you about a problem: *"You seem frustrated. I can understand why you feel that way."* 

### 2. ASK open-ended questions:

"How do you think you can solve this?" "What solutions have you tried?" "What else can you try?"

**3. PROVIDE options.** Sometimes children are so consumed by their frustration, they can't think of what to do next.

"Would you like to keep trying, take a break, or ask for help?"

### 4. ACKNOWLEDGE when they succeed:

"Wow, I know that was hard." "How do you feel now that you were able to solve that problem?"

It's important to remember that success and achievement aren't about talent. It's all about the willingness to struggle and keep going.

Make the shift from "I've got this!" to "You've got this!" and your resilient, problem-solving, and gritty child will thank you.



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## Staff Development Day

**This Friday 14th August is a Staff Development Day/ Student Free Day**. Staff will be engaging in Professional Learning focused on Numeracy and the development of rich learning tasks to further develop student mathematical outcomes. There will be **NO Student supervision** on Friday.

#### Kind regards,

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

Mrs Cheryl Fortini Principal



We would like to invite you to complete the *Tell Them From Me (TTFM) Partners in Learning* survey. As we value the role of parents and carers within our school community we would greatly appreciate your feedback. The information you provide will be used to maintain our commitment to working together in partnership to further improve student learning and wellbeing at Holy Family Primary School.

The survey is anonymous and will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. If you could please complete the survey by Friday 21st August. You are able to access the parent survey on your computer or mobile device by using the URL below:

www.tellthemfromme.com/srxj3

# We are Learners, YES WE ARE!

# New Athletics Carnival date—Thursday 3 September

A **<u>new</u>** permission note will come home next week, please sign and return asap.

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# Crazy Sock and Hair Day Wednesday 19th August



# This day is a reward for the students reaching 200 tokens this term as part of our LOVE/PBS4L program.

Students wear their school uniform, crazy socks and crazy hairstyles.



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# This week in PBS4L We are confident and have optimism

This week in PBS4L, the students will unpack what it means to have self confidence and be optimistic. The students will create success chains in their peer support lessons to demonstrate ways they have been successful.

# What you could do with your children at home:

When your child comes across a challenging task, assist them in using the CHAMP acronym.

To be confident and achieve we all need to think like a CHAMP Challenge yourself Have a go!! Always look for and use your strengths Mistakes happen Persist and put in effort. Don't give up.



**Our Holy Family** mascot design has been

finalised!

Aboriginal elders had shared that the Powerful Owl-Bubuk is an endangered species that is commonly found in Granville!



arrived!!!

Look what has

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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.

# Student Free Day Term 3—Friday 14 August

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

# 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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# LIBRARY NEWS

The Premier's Reading Challenge is well under way.

All students should be near completing the challenge, as this closed on the 28<sup>th</sup> August 2020.

If you are completing the records online, will be validated once they come up on the computer.

If you are recording on the sheets, these need to be returned to me before the due date.

Congratulations to the following students who have completed the challenge.

Year 1 Aarna Puri

Year 4 Olivia Burke & Alannah Feher-Hegarty

Year 6 Laura Spina & Caterina Valore



### Happy reading

Mrs Gordon / Library Assistant





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# **STUDENT AWARDS**

We congratulate Week 2 Term 3 Student of the Week Award recipients :

Kindy	William Isaac	Aahana Pandey
Year 1		Dylan Zhang
Year 2	Kimi Lin	Victoria Manolis
Year 3	Daniel De Grazia	Amilia Jalloh
Year 4	Alannah Feher-Hegarty	Lauren Callao
Year 5	Sonia Khawly	Clara Maria El Kadi
Year 6	Ivamere Cagiloaloa	Isha Shabbir

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

Kindy	Grace Shi	Jaylen Fonua
Year 1	Michael Kamara	Tracy Shi
Year 2	Aanya Lama	Izabella Khouri
Year 3	Isabella Bazevski	Nicholas Achi
Year 4	Nabil Nassar	Leonardo Valore
Year 5	Fancios Marcos	Tiana Nakhoul
Year 6	Laura Spina	Rania Marcos

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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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