# Holy Family Primary School

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# **RE Learning in Year 2**

Last week our class and Year 1 gathered with the Stage 1 students from Holy Trinity for a liturgy. It was a beautiful experience and it was an opportunity for us all to celebrate being a part of a **community**.



After the liturgy we reflected on the question: How did the lituray with Holy Trinity connect with our driving question?



We made lots of connections, such as:

- We gathered as a community
- Holy Family and Holy Trinity belong to the local Granville community •
- We worked as a community to create the liturgy (practising hymns, writing prayers and joining the ZOOM)
- We connected by praying together
- The prayers and hymns were all about belonging
- It made us feel excited, peaceful and grateful to have the opportunity to learn and • pray
- We sang songs together like we do at Church

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#### From the Principal...

Dear Parents and Friends,

#### Lebanon Appeal

What a wonderful generous community we have. The response to this appeal was overwhelming and on behalf of the organisers THANK YOU!

Thank you Mrs Aoun for being so caring about others. Collecting all our donations took a couple of car trips.



#### Staff Development Day

On Friday 14th August the teachers engaged in a day of learning entitled Exploring Challenging Tasks in Mathematics to foster student decision making and a sense of inclusion in the classroom. The day allowed teachers to unpack our student data, looking at the trends and determining the reasons for this, reading the latest research about mathematical pedagogy and then making connections to our own beliefs and practice. Teachers became the students and were involved in a variety of challenging mathematical tasks, making connections to the syllabus and how we can be more purposeful and targeted in our teaching. The students are definitely going to be engaged in a variety of tasks and mathematical inquiry where they will need to justify their thinking and reasoning.

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#### Father's Day

While we were unable to have any fundraising opportunities so far this year due to COVID-19, we will be having a **Father's Day Stall** on Friday 4th September as all the students are at school. We will be able to hold this stall for the students to purchase a gift for their father, grandfather or the father figure in their life. All gifts are priced at \$5.00 with a limit of one gift per child. If there are any gifts after all children have made a purchase then they may be able to purchase a second gift.

Also on this day there will be a **Father's Day Liturgy** that the students will participate in. The structure of this will be determined by current COVID-19 restrictions. Unfortunately parents will not be able to attend so we will post a video of the liturgy on our Facebook page & send a link via Skoolbag app.

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#### Sister Parish

Across the diocese each parish has been asked to partner with a Victorian Catholic Parish Community in the form of a spiritual support network. The Granville parish community has been partnered with St Francis of Assisi Parish in Mill Park.



#### School Profile

St Francis of Assisi Primary School is located in Mill Park, approximately 20 kilometres north of Melbourne CBD. The school is situated on Childs Road. St Francis of Assisi Primary School is in the Catholic Parish of Mill Park. The Parish Priest is Father Anthony Girolami. The school was officially opened in 1981 with an approximate enrolment of 180 students. The school is situated on ten acres of landscaped surroundings and has undergone various building projects as enrolments continue to grow. Our facilities boast a Sports Centre, Oval/Athletics Track, Library Resource Centre, equipped with a Computer Lab and

Music Room, as well as safe and comfortable playgrounds all surfaced with Rubber Soft Fall. There is a strong sense of community at St Francis of Assisi where staff members support and value each other and staff are willing to give that bit more to provide a happy and enriching school experience for our students. The school is also well supported by the parents of our students and the members of the Parish Community. St Francis of Assisi is unique by nature of its size having an enrolment of 1171. We have a diverse and multicultural family base. We have 43 classes across our school that are made up of single stream levels:  $\bullet$  7 x Prep  $\bullet$  6 x Year 1  $\bullet$  6 x Year 2  $\bullet$  6 x Year 3  $\bullet$  6 x Year 4  $\bullet$  6 x Year 5  $\bullet$  6 x Year 6.

Holy Family Primary students will be involved in a variety of activities to establish links with the students of St Francis of Assisi who have had to return to remote learning. More news to come in the near future.

#### Tell Them From Me Survey

Thank you to all the parents who have taken the opportunity to provide us with feedback through this year's *Tell Them From Me survey. The closing date for this survey is Friday 28th August. We would really appreciate as many parent's as possible providing feedback, in order to move forward and address any issues that arise, constantly working towards improving Holy Family Primary in partnership with the parent community for the benefit of all our students.* 

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#### **Disheartening News**

Over the past week the school has experienced vicious acts of vandalism in the primary girls toilets, with 6 toilet seats destroyed in three separate incidents. The most disheartening aspect of this is that it happened during school hours, with some female students responsible.

I would urge all parents to have a conversation with their children about the severity of these actions and that as members of Holy Family School, if they ever witness or hear about such acts of property destruction they need to notify staff immediately.

As a school community we have been working tirelessly building a positive school culture and these acts of vandalism are in complete contrast of what we are working towards, undermining what we have achieved.





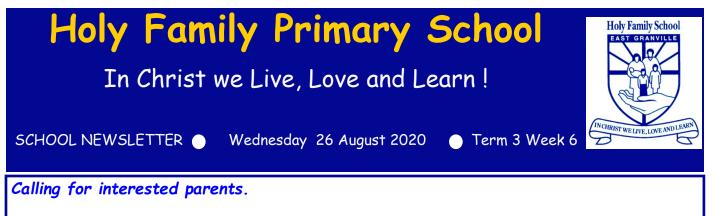




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Macquarie University is conducting a research study for students aged between 7 and 12 years. Please read the advertisement below and make contact via the listed email address if you are interested.





# Cool Kids – Taking Control

Does your child experience bullying and anxiety? Are they aged between 7 and 12? They could be eligible for our research trial.

For more information, email takingcontrol@mg.edu.au or visit www.coolkidstakingcontrol.com.au

#### Virtual Tour

We are very excited to have photographers visit Holy Family this Thursday 27th August with the aim of taking some great shots to be combined to create a virtual tour of Holy Family, promoting our school grounds, learning spaces and a variety of amazing learning experiences offered to our students. Please make sure students are at school on time and in their correct winter uniform. Only classes who usually have sports on Thursday are to wear their sports uniform.

#### Electronic Sign

Earlier this year I notified parents that the school would be receiving an electronic school sign replacing our current blue framed one. Weather permitting this will be installed next Monday. I'd like to thank the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta for providing this for the school. Kind regards,

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

Mrs Cheryl Fortini Principal

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# Last week in PBS4L

## We Live Safely by keeping our hands and feet to ourselves

Students participated in an activity called Problem Vs. Solution. Students were asked to collaboratively discuss and role play how they could change their problem scenarios into a positive

situation.





# This week in PBS4L

Next week in peer support students will learn about their Strengths and



#### weaknesses.

Students will identify what makes them a star by naming their strengths.

### What you could do at home:

Begin the conversation with your child by discussing their strengths. You may wish to do this over the dinner table or when driving to school in the morning.

Use the sentence starter: "I am a star when



# Something very exciting is coming in Week 8!!!

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# **BIRTHDAY WISHES!**

# Congratulations to the following students who celebrate their birthday in August



Yunling Chen
Chanel Davis
Natalie El Jer
Augustine Huang
Preesha Joshi
Sonia Khawly
Druti Lamichhane
Emelia Lum
Caitlyn Merhi
Samuel Nassour
Cobi Vu

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### 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'.

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

## Students away or sent home due to cold or flu like symptoms

must supply negative covid test result or a Doctor's certificate stating why they do not require a test and that they are fit to return to school. Please email these to holyfamilyegranville@parra.catholic.edu.au before sending them back to school or have them bring them to the office before going into the class room. Thank you for your help in keeping us all Covid safe.





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### **STUDENT AWARDS**

We congratulate Week 4 Term 3 Student of the Week Award recipients :

Kindy	Jaylen Fonua	Jack Zheng
Year 1	Siupeli Faletau	Norah Rai
Year 2	Marcus Senesi	Mia Houshmand
Year 3	Jeremy Georges	Mariyan Anwar
Year 4	Brandon Commodore	Celena Achi
Year 5	Erika Tabach	Elias El Kadi
Year 6	William William	Tayla Kayrouz

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## **STUDENT AWARDS**

We congratulate Week 5 Term 3 Student of the Week Award recipients :

Kindy	Anthony Bitar	Isabella Nakhoul
Year 1	Ava White	Ryan Xue
Year 2	Jason Chen	Sescil Nyakol
Year 3	Patrick El Katrib	Daniel De Grazia
Year 4	Olivia Burke	Elizabeth Halapio
Year 5	Cobi Vu	Maria Takai
Year 6	Rylan Roebeck	Elias Helou

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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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