

Holy Family Primary School

In Christ we Live, Love and Learn !



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER ● Wednesday 2 December 2020 ● Term 4 Week 8



On Saturday 28th of November, students of Year 3 received a special gift from Jesus as they celebrated their first Holy Communion.

Students in class, learnt about the seven Sacraments and how these play an important part in developing our Catholic faith. Students in preparation for their first Holy Communion learnt about how this sacrament brings us closer to God through receiving the Body and Blood of Christ.

May these students know the peace of Jesus, the light of his love and the joy of his life within them.

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From the Principal...

Dear Parents and Friends,



The Season of Advent

Many years ago, when I was expecting my first child, I felt a deep connection to Mary in the Nativity stories. As I noticed my stomach beginning to swell, awaited feeling the first kicks, and wondered what it would mean to become a mother, I waited with an expectation of something beautiful ahead. I did not know exactly what to expect and could not possibly have anticipated the way that motherhood would turn my life upside down in a most wonderful way.

This experience helps me to think about expectation in Advent. I wait expectantly for the Christ Child to come again, but I do not know the form that the appearance will take. I wait with an anticipation that it will be something wonderful and maybe surprising. Will it be a gift in prayer? A moment holding a real baby? An encounter with family or friends where we know Christ is present among us? Only God knows.

I wonder what form your anticipation and excitement this Advent will take?

Mother Mary, as You carried your dear Son in your immaculate womb, you also carried Him in your heart. Pray for me, this Advent, that I may surrender myself to the will of the Father in imitation of you. You said "Yes" to all that God asked of you and never hesitated to fully embrace His divine will. Pray that I may imitate your perfect example so as to share a deeper union with you and your divine Son.

*Come, Lord Jesus,
Come, Lord Jesus,
Come, Lord Jesus!
Amen.*

Farewell

It is with regret that I need to inform the school community that some of the current staff will not be returning to Holy Family in 2021. Our Religious Education Coordinator, Mr Andrew Baker has accepted the position of Religious Education Coordinator at St Monica's Primary, North Parramatta commencing in 2021. On behalf of the staff, students and parents I take this opportunity to thank him for his leadership and friendship over the last three years. Mr Baker came to Holy Family in 2018 taking up the position of Coordinator 2 and Kindergarten teacher. In 2019 he was appointed Religious Education Coordinator as well as being a Year 6 teacher. As he continued in his role of REC this year, he also fulfilled the roles of Reading Recovery Teacher and Instructional Leader- Religious Education. I know that his in-depth and valuable knowledge of the Draft New Religious Education Curriculum will be an asset to his new school community.



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Also moving on at the end of the year is Mr Timothy Greaney, Year 4 teacher who began at Holy family in Term 2 replacing Mrs Nicole Irwin as she began maternity leave. Mr Greaney has secured a classroom teaching position at St Margaret Mary's, Merrylands, in 2021.

Miss Marie Mekdessi has accepted a position at Maronite College of the Holy Family, Harris Park after twelve months teaching Year 3 at Holy Family Primary. Miss Isabella Abi Kabalane has also accepted a teaching position at Maronite College of the Holy Family for 2021.

We wish these educators every success in their new schools as they continue to share their passion for educating young minds and thank them for all their valued contributions to Holy Family Primary.

Colour Run Fundraiser WOW! What a wonderful time we had at our Colour Run!



Thank you to our Year 6 Leaders for designing and constructing our obstacle course for the students to get blasted with colour and cooling water hoses. There was a sea of colour after the first grade begun the course, continuing after another two runs through the course.



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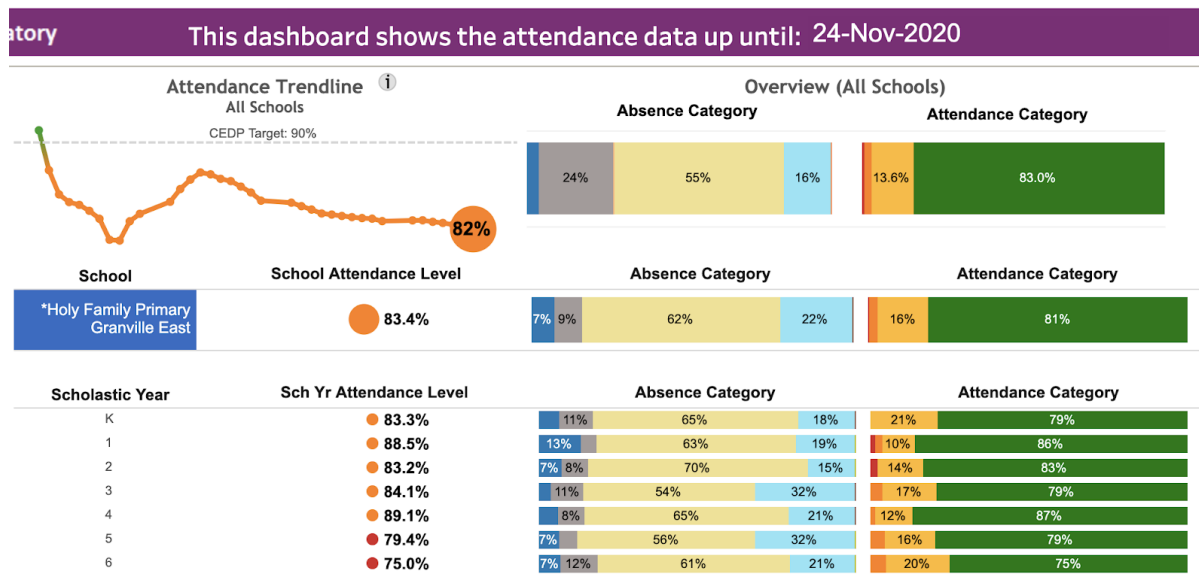
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All students have chosen their prizes that we hope will be delivered before the end of the term. For our first attempt at this time of fundraising our community of supporters were amazing. We exceeded our target of \$20 000.00. I will notify the community of our final figures once all financial reports are complete. We have already begun contacting contractors for quotes for the playground markings.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!



Attendance



We are slightly above Diocesan level but down by 3% from our last fortnight total. Let's see if we can achieve 90% school attendance in the final two weeks of Term 4.

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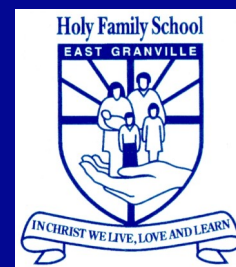
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your health link
PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION
OPENS 1 DEC 2020

GREAT PRIZES TO BE WON

FREE ENTRY

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Your Health Link Photographic Competition

We all have a shared vision to see our children grow up to be healthy and happy adults and by working together, we have a unique opportunity to engage students to explore what good health means to them through the exciting medium of photography.

Now in its fifth year, the Your Health Link Photographic Competition is open to students from every primary and high school across Australia and will launch on 1 December 2020 with the theme:

'We're all in this together - keeping safe and healthy during the pandemic'

This year's theme provides an opportunity for students to learn about health guidelines during the pandemic via the competition website - wearing masks, washing hands, social distancing, staying home when feeling ill and how these guidelines prevent the spread of COVID-19.

The Competition will enable students to artistically express their knowledge and weave the principles of keeping safe and healthy during a pandemic into everyday life. There are two categories for primary and high school students, entry is free, with individual prizes for category winners including a cash prize to support their school's healthy school canteen program. There are also

opportunities for the whole family to participate through the Mobile and Open categories. The Competition closes 24 January 2021 with winners announced in March 2021.

We are seeking your assistance to encourage your children to take photos with their mobile phone, tablet or trusty camera for their chance to win great prizes and support our school's healthy canteen program.

For further information on this exciting health program, contact the Photographic Competition Organiser, Carolyn Guichard via email Carolyn.guichard@health.nsw.gov.au or by phone 02 6656 5213.

Kind regards,

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

Mrs Cheryl Fortini
Principal



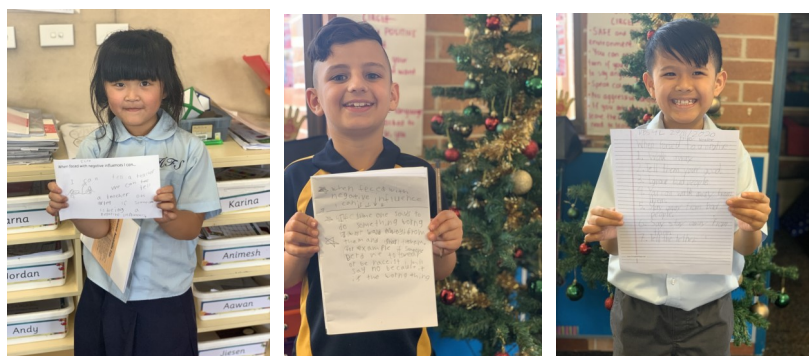


Last week in PBS4L...Responding to negative peer pressure

Students learnt about the difference between a positive and negative peer influence and wrote some ways they can respond to negative behaviour.

Positive peer influence = your peers encourage you to try new things

Negative peer influence = your peers changing your attitude towards something or change your behaviour to be more like they think you should be



This week in PBS4L...Keeping things in perspective!

We discussed what it means to keep things in perspective! Students discussed that if one bad thing happens in their life it does not mean that everything else in their life will be spoiled.

"Bad times are like a few threads in a jumper that have come loose. But the whole jumper hasn't fallen apart"



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YEAR 6 2020 | OUR PERSONAL PHILOSOPHIES

Sienna's Personal Philosophy- "Never see a need without doing something about it." - Mary Mackillop



The 5 values I stand by for a good life are:

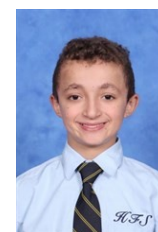
Family ~ No matter what happens, our family will always be there for us. We grew up with them and we will continue to as well. **Love** ~ Everyone has got to have someone that they love, whether it is our family or friends. Without love, we would be alone and probably die of sadness. **Health** ~ Without our health, we would suffer and we wish a good life upon everyone. **Honesty** ~ Lying is a major sin and is one of the 10 commandments. As well as that, honesty in general will always help you throughout your life while if you lie, things will not turn out for you. **Genuineness** ~ Is important in any life because people appreciate you more when you are genuine.

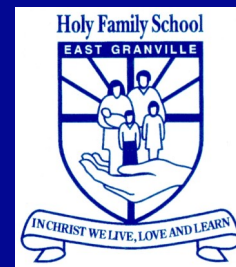
A famous quote I live my life by is Never See A Need Without Doing Something About It. This teaches me to never see something wrong and ignore it, rather to see it and do all I can to fix it. I am influenced by my own opinions because I believe following what someone else says to you is wrong depending on the situation. They could be telling you to do something wrong and as humans we need to learn how to create our own opinions and not follow what others tell us.

Personally, I believe it's not about how people act, but the fact that we must learn to understand each other and why we do the things we do. This is because we don't know what happens behind closed doors. People could be fighting their own battles therefore we must be understanding towards others.

Nicholas Personal Philosophy

Love is like caring for people. Family is like helping people when they are finding it hard. Honesty means you can't lie and tell the truth always. Safety is keeping you away from harm and danger. Friendship is like helping others when you're feeling sad. I am influenced by my brother because he helps me to do my very best. I believe that we should be kind to one another. I believe in myself and try my best to do my work every time in class. I believe we should use good manners and show love to one another.





Rebecca Personal Philosophy



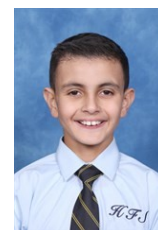
I believe that everyone deserves a second chance even if it's something you do not want to forgive. A Bible passage that I live is ... "Then Peter came up and said to him, Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven." I believe that everyone deserves a second chance as they change who they were before. I live by this because it means it doesn't matter what someone has done, you give them another chance to fix their behaviour.

The 5 values I believe are the most important are family, freedom, happiness, love and health. I chose **family** as my 1st value because for me, my family has always been around me to encourage me to do what I want and if i'm passionate about it, they always give me advice and help me in my life. I chose **freedom** as my 2nd value because we need to have freedom if we want to live fairley and be able to make our own choices. I chose **happiness** as my 3rd value because I believe that if you want to do something you have to be happy about it, if you were not happy about a decision your friend has made you, you have to tell them or you're just going to regret that decision later in life. I chose **love** as my 4th value because I believe that you have to love something to really want it, like I love my family just as much as they love and support me. I chose **health** as my 5th and last value because you need to be healthy to live a life that you enjoy because as most of us all know, you can't live forever.

I am influenced by a group of people, they are called "my family". My family is *my family and they are the people I look up to, my family are the ones who guide me to where I am today and they were the ones that were there for me when I was born (not my little brother but he looks up to me).* Speaking of who influences me, a philosopher named "Socrates" once said, "There is only one good, knowledge, and one evil, ignorance. Be kind, for everyone you meet is fighting a hard battle." I believe this is important because he's saying that you need to be kind because not everyone you meet is going to be nice and I also believe that everyone deserves a second chance, as they can change and become better.

ELIAS -Personal Philosophy

I believe that everyone should show respect. A Bible passage that I live my life by is ... "In everything you do set them an example by doing what is good". This teaches me to always help, show respect and be kind. I was influenced by TGF bro because they help people through providing funny content. The Philosopher Immanuel Kant believes in freedom and this is important because everyone deserves freedom and respect. Some values that are important to me are Love, Respect, Safety and Family.



Caterina's Personal Philosophy



My personal philosophy is to respect your elders like they respect you. I believe, like the proverb; 'listen to your father and do not forsake your mother's teaching'... you should always respect our elders, you should never think that your elders are wrong, for they are more knowledgeable than us and have experienced more than us.

My value is family. Family is important because they are always trying to do the best for us. I also choose family because without my family I would not be on this earth, since my mother gave birth to me. It is also important because it covers the value of love and support since they provide these qualities.

Like Jesus said, 'do unto others as you would do to yourself'... I think that we should always listen to what people are saying no matter if it is important or not because if we were speaking we would want people to listen to us. This also means that if we wouldn't want something to happen to us why would we do it to someone else.



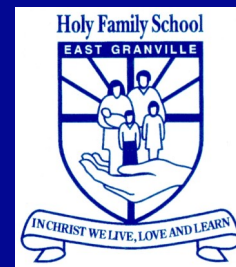
Angelina K Personal Philosophy

"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgive each other, just as Christ God forgave you". I believe that in order to be a good person, daughter, friend and child of God I should always be empathetic and show love and understanding towards others. This allows the other person another chance to find forgiveness in their hearts to forgive one's mistakes and to learn from it.



I look up to Jesus because he had the strength and wisdom to forgive Judas and the many hundreds of people who crucified him. "Forgiveness provides a pleasure you cannot receive from revenge." I forgive the people that do wrong to me because I understand that everyone has a story, opinion and a page to the book and I know that it is the right thing to do.





Tayla Personal Philosophy



I believe that you should Love your Enemies. Loving your enemies is really important to me because even if you hate them or if they hate you back, you still should love them no matter what! That's why Luke 6:28 says... "Pray for those who mistreat you." A Bible passage that I live my life by is Luke 6:27-36, "But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you." It teaches me to Love your enemies like you would like them to Love you, even if they mistreat you. It also teaches me to treat others the way you would want to be treated.

Love is the key in life. I am influenced by Jesus because He teaches me to treat others the way you would like to be treated. He also teaches me to teach everyone about his word, and tell people the good stuff he has done for us. Also, I'm influenced by Jesus because he guides me and tells me to follow his footsteps. The Philosopher ,Friedrich Nietzsche once said "Love your enemies because they bring out the best in you". This is important because it teaches you to treat everyone with respect, kindness and love especially your enemies because they bring out the best in you.

My five values I live by are:

Love- I believe Love is very important because you should love everyone even if they don't like you. Treat everyone with love, and you will realise it's the Key in life

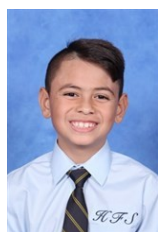
Respect- I believe Respect is very important because you should show respect to everyone, and they will give you the respect back. If you disrespect people including your enemies, then how will they love or respect you?

Influence- I believe that Influence is very important because you should influence everyone to love their enemies and show people how Jesus influences us to make right choices.

Family- I believe Family is really important because they teach you to love everyone and they love you and guide you no matter what!! Without their teachings, how are you going to become a better person?

Friendships- This is essential as it allows you to build positive relationships based on trust.

Rylan Personal Philosophy



I believe that anyone can become successful, but you need to have the right mindset. That's why I always remember these 5 values. Family, Love, Mindset, Growth and Respect. We are all humans and even if we are more successful and fortunate than others we still need to treat them equally.

A person I look up to is Jimmy Butler. He had faced a lot of adversity in his life. He was homeless when he was 13, his Dad abandoned him and he had nothing. Even with all the challenges thrown at him he still did his best and he is now a superstar in the NBA.

" Success isn't about the money you have but how you impacted the earth"





Sukhum Personal Philosophy



Everyone is human, we should all be treated equally. No servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him (John 13:16), nobody is higher than another person, and nobody is more greater than you. We are equal, we are all the same. There are 5 main values that connect to equality. **Unity**- unity is important because we should be united while we value each other's difference and uniqueness. **Respect**- respect is important because we should be treating others equally and show admiration to others for being who they are. **Harmony**- harmony is important because we should live in peace and show love to each other. **Fairness**- fairness is important because we should treat each other fairly. **Recognition**- recognition is important because we need to recognise how everyone is treated.

I am influenced by Martin Luther King, Jr because he fought for equality for African-Americans. He fought for rights for all people who weren't white Americans to have their own rights. I am influenced by the philosopher John Locke. He once said all people are free and equal and he fought against all claims that God had made all people naturally subject to the monarch. This is important because everyone should be treated the same and there is nobody who is in charge of us. We are all humans and no matter what we look like and what we believe in. We have some differences, but that makes us unique. We should celebrate that we are different and not exclude others because of that fact.

Amensa Personal Philosophy

Galatians 3:28 - "There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus." This reveals that everyone is equal in the eyes of God. There is no higher, and no lower, we are all united. John 13:16 - "Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him." - This has the same message shown in the last passage; Galatians 3:28. I personally believe that everyone is equal and that everyone should be treated the same. Everyone is no lower or higher, and we are equal in the eyes of the Lord.



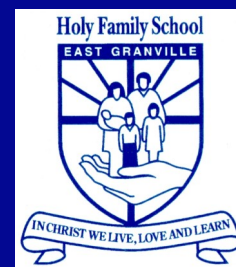
This means that I believe that people should never think you are higher or lower from others, and that everyone has to treat each person no differently from how we want to be treated. Albert Einstein once said "Before God, we are all equally wise and equally foolish". I chose this quote because Albert Einstein talks about how everyone is equal, wise and foolish.



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News from our Library

It's wonderful to see students enjoying reading books from our school library. Unfortunately, we have a large number of books that have not been returned, particularly those that were borrowed before or during our remote learning time. Please search your cupboards at home and return any library books you find, as it costs the school a lot of money to replace these.

Thank you for your help and we look forward to lots of library books coming back before the end of Term.

There is prize for the class that returns all their outstanding books first.



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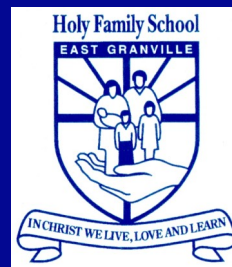
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WEEKLY SPECIALS

MONDAY SPECIAL

- Twisted bolognaise - \$4.50 (E)
- Lasagne - \$4.50 (E)

TUESDAY SPECIAL

- Lean beef cheeseburger - \$4.50 (E)
- Vegetable Lasagne - \$4.50 (E)

WEDNESDAY SPECIAL

- Mac and Cheese - \$4.50 (E)
- Hot dog Beef or Chicken - \$3.00 (O)
- Butter Chicken - \$4.50 (E)

THURSDAY SPECIAL

- Pizza Wrap (Cheese, Meat & Cheese, Meat, Veggie, BBQ Chicken) - \$4.50 (E)
- Fried Rice - \$4.50 (E)

FRIDAY SPECIAL

- Beef Pie - \$4.50 (O)
- Chicken nuggets X 6 - \$4.20 (O)
- Chicken nuggets x 4 & Oven baked Hot chips - \$6.00 (O)

CRUNCH & SIP
Only available before 9am
Bottle Water 600ml
Plus
Piece of seasonal fruit
\$2.00

Breakfast

- Cheese Toast - \$0.50 (E)
- Bacon & Egg Muffin - \$2.50 (O)
- Sausage & Egg Muffin - \$2.50 (O)
- Hash Brown - \$1.00 (O)
- Piece of Seasonal Fruit - \$1.00 (E)

Drinks

- Water Bottle 600ml - \$2.50 (E)
- Water Bottle 250ml - \$1.00 (E)
- Big M Choc & Straw - \$2.50 (O)
- Juice Bomb - 250ml - \$2.50 (E)
- VitaGO! Juices - \$2.00 (E)

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All noodles, drinks and frozen treats to be collected from canteen



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Sandwiches (Fresh or Toasted)

- Vegemite, Jam or Honey - \$2.00 (O)
- Cheese - \$2.50 (E)
- Ham & cheese - \$3.50 (O)
- Egg, Lettuce & Mayo - \$4.00 (E)
- Salad - \$4.00 (E)
- Lettuce, tomato, cucumber, Carrot, Beetroot
- Chicken Lettuce & Mayo - \$4.50 (E)
- Tuna, Cucumber & Mayo - \$3.50 (E)

Bread (White, wholemeal & Multigrain)

- White Roll - \$0.50
- Wrap - \$1.00
- Gluten free (per Slice) (GF) - \$0.70
- Turkish bread - \$1.00

Wraps

- Grilled chicken lettuce & sweet chilli sauce - \$4.50 (E)
- Chicken schnitzel lettuce and mayo - \$4.50 (O)

Salads

- Grilled chicken with Garden Salad - \$4.50 (E) (GF)
- Ham & Garden Salad - \$4.50 (E)
- Greek Salad - \$4.50 (E)

Made to Order Sandwiches, wraps and Salads prices vary

Burgers

All burgers come with the sauce of your choice
BBQ, Tomato, Mayo, Sweet chilli or Tartar Sauce

- Cheeseburger - (Beef) Cheese - \$4.50 (E)
- Aussie Burger - Beef, Cheese, Tom, Lettuce, Beetroot - \$4.50 (O)
- Veggie Burger - Lettuce & Cheese - \$4.50 (E)
- Chicken, (breast fillet) Lettuce & mayo - \$4.50 (E)

Extras (for salads, Burgers, Wraps sandwiches)

- Avocado (E) - \$1.00
- Boiled Egg (E) - \$1.00
- Light Ham (O) - \$1.00
- Cheese (E) - \$0.50
- Tomato (E) - \$0.50
- Beetroot (E) - \$0.50
- Cucumber (E) - \$0.50
- Carrot (E) - \$0.50
- Lettuce (E) - \$0.50

Hot Foods

- Oven Baked Wedge's - \$4.50 (O)
- Garlic Bread Roll - \$2.50 (O)
- Noodles (Beef or chicken) - \$3.00 (O)
- Gourmet Sausage Roll 160g - \$3.50 (O)
- Beef Pie 180g - \$4.50 (O)

Quick Fresh Snacks

- Watermelon Slice - \$1.00 (E)
- Yogurt - \$2.50 (E)
- Piece of fresh fruit - \$1.00 (GF)
- Fresh Muffins - \$1.50 (E)

Icy Treats

- Frozen juice Cup - \$1.50 (E)
- Moosies - \$1.50 (E)
- Snap Stix Ice Block - \$1.50 (E)
- Streets Paddle Pop - \$2.00 (O)
- Bulla ice cream - \$1.50 (E)
- Twisted Frozen Yogurt - \$2.50 (O)

- Spoons - 20c
- Forks - 20c
- Sauce - 30c
- Lunch bag - 20c

Food Codes

GF - Gluten Free
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O - Occasional

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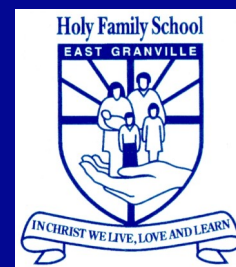
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STUDENT AWARDS

We congratulate **Week 6 Term 4** Student of the Week Award recipients :

Kindy	Anthony Bitar	Justin Wang
Year 1	Manav Kumar	Jordan Vu
Year 2	Simona Zappia	Annie Isaac
Year 3	Maddison Vu	Christian El Khoury
Year 4	Selemarie Anjoul	Karylle Siron-Swanson
Year 5	Stephen Toutai Lemoto	Chris Georges
Year 6	Caterina Valore	William Aguer

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Kindy	Mia Bartolome	Elsa-Marie El Khoury
Year 1	Siupeli Faletau	Saidy Saad
Year 2	Patrick Cruz	Arica Wang
Year 3	Chanel Davis	Bernadette Georges
Year 4	Isabella De Freitas	Diwas KC
Year 5	Marie Tawk	Patrick Kirby
Year 6	Nathanael Kolo	Nicholas Anjoul

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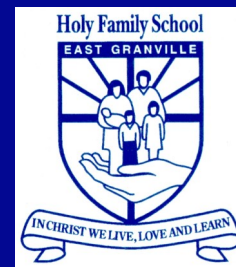
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Absentee Note System

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.

Payment Cut Off Date

Friday 11 December

All fees need to be finalised by the above date. We are unable to take payments at the office after that date.

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