



## Welcome back to the 2021 school year.



As you know, I am taking over as the Religious Education Coordinator (REC) here at Holy Family. I would like to acknowledge the wonderful work of my predecessor, Mr Andrew Baker. His dedication to the role of formation and implementation of the new curriculum gives me some really 'big shoes' to fill. I'd also like to thank all those parents and carers who I have met in these first few days and for extending such a warm welcome.

It is a very exciting time for students, staff and the community as we continue to implement the New Draft Religious Education curriculum document (NDC).

### NEW DRAFT CURRICULUM

*'Based on contemporary research, the new curriculum will speak not only to our students but to the world they live in. In transforming the way we teach Religious Education, we seek to transform students' lives as well as our schools and society.'* (CEDP, 2019)

*I look forward to working in situ with the students and teachers on their term 1 'Learning Cycles'. Future newsletters will keep the community updated as to what the children have been focussing on with their inquiry.*



### FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF JESUS



On Tuesday (February 2) the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus (also known as the Feast of the Purification of Mary or Candlemas) was celebrated. In the Old Rite, this day marked the official end of the Christmas Season.

#### The Number Forty

When the Presentation marks the end of Christmas, this holy season lasts exactly 40 days - December 25 until February 2. This parallels the 40 days of Lent!

The number 40 is a significant one in the Bible. The Israelites wandered in the desert for 40 years before entering the Promised Land; Jesus prayed in the desert for 40 days and nights, and after the Resurrection, Jesus was with his disciples for 40 days.

### A Biblical Feast

The Presentation is the Fourth Joyful Mystery of the Rosary, and it is rooted in Scripture.

Luke 2:22 tells us:

*"When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, they took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord...."*

Mary and Joseph took Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem forty days after he was born and according to the Law of Moses, they presented him to the Lord. Also, following Jewish custom, while they were at the Temple, Mary was purified - as all new mothers were. This is why the Presentation is sometimes called the Feast of the Purification of Mary. The Holy Family followed the Law and the Jewish customs faithfully and humbly.

### ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent. This year due to the restrictions placed on places of worship, Holy Family will mark the beginning of the season with an in-school (students only) liturgy on the day. Father Andrew will preside over the liturgy.

Father Andrew invites parents and carers of our students to attend any of the parish Masses on the day. These are at 8:15am, 9:15am along with two evening Masses.



### FIAT - Faith In Action Team

This year Holy Family students will again be 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 and students involved and committed to their faith.

Mr Eid is coordinating and working with Holy Family's FIAT, that group consists of five, Year 6 Leaders. They will attend a **'LIFTED LIVE'** day on Tuesday 23rd February with Bishop Vincent Long. Further details at a later date. The five students are, Tiana N, Marie, Makayla, Stephen-Toutai and Rushil.

We congratulate these students on being part of this team and look forward to hearing from them throughout the year.

Jodie Donlan (Religious Education Coordinator)



### **Term 1 Week 2**

#### **From the Principal...**

Dear Parents and Carers,

#### **Welcome back to 2021**

Welcome Back! I hope you have had an enjoyable summer. The children have certainly had lots of exciting stories to share.

Welcome to our new Kindergarten children and their families who are settling in really well. We wish all our new families a special Holy family welcome, and we hope they will continue to enjoy their time at Holy Family School. We look forward to working with you.

I know you will continue to work with us, so your child can grow in confidence, with a love of learning, and a determination to be the best person they can be.

Can you ensure that, as parents and carers you put a great value on school and education. Explain to your child that treating everyone with respect, being on time and in school everyday, wearing the correct uniform and working hard in school is important to you. These are also important life skills. The value you place on these will be the value your child holds. It is lovely to see so many children returning to school, looking so smart in their school uniform. However, to complement this smart appearance, we also expect that children will attend school with suitable haircuts. Extreme haircuts (0-2) or lines etc are not permitted in school. Please allow any such haircuts to grow out immediately.

Your children are your most important gift from God, treasure them, help them, guide them and support them – this time is crucial so do it now. Start this new term with this commitment.

We at school will do everything we can to help your child to do their best. Let us know if we can support you in any way. Remember we operate an open door policy – feel free to book an appointment with your child's class teacher if you have concerns or need support, help or advice.

#### **Eternal Rest**

It is with a heavy heart that Simon Ram, husband to Doreen and father of Shivam Ram in Year 1 passed to eternal life over the weekend after suffering a cardiac arrest. On behalf of Holy Family School community I offer the Ram family our deepest sympathies and support during this sad time.

***Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord,  
And let perpetual light shine upon him.  
May he rest in peace. Amen.***



## Introducing New Staff Members to Holy Family



Ms Shannon Un - Chinese Liaison Officer



Mrs Jill Tate- Speech Therapist



Mrs Jodie Donlan- REC



Ms Amanda Boutros- Kindergarten



Ms Jamal Al-Chalouhi- Year 1



Ms Lisa Miceli- Year 3



Ms Georgia Khoury - Year 6



### Staffing Update

Early January Mrs Bratby notified me that she needed to take leave during 2021. We welcome back from maternity leave Mrs Nicole Irwin, teaching Year 1 three days a week, job sharing with Mrs Amanda El-Hawzi. Another staffing change in Year 1 is Ms Jamal Al-Chalouhi, five days a week. As our students are the central focus of our work at Holy Family, I believed that we needed one consistent teacher in the learning space. Ms Alicia Nelson is undertaking additional training in Reading Recovery during 2021 and is required to complete two hours per day work in Reading Recovery, taking her out of class for a large period of time each day. Ms Nelson will be an additional support teacher, sharing her skills across different grades.

### Covid Restrictions

As stated in a recent email, school settings still have to follow CEDP and NSW Health Guidelines in regards to COVID -19. Thank you to all our Kindergarten and Year 1 parents for following the guidelines while on school grounds on the first day of school for their children. Unfortunately parents are still unable to attend school activities.

- Parents are only allowed to go to the office during school hours and are required to wear a mask and sanitize hands upon entry.
- Meetings such as Fundraising, Parent Information sessions will be held outside of school hours (dates will be coming in Week 4 Newsletter).

I received an email from a concerned parent regarding the Bootcamp group that uses the Parish Hall before and after school. In particular their use of silver seats in the playground which our students also use. Please be assured that they have a COVID-19 Plan (a legal requirement) which includes the cleaning of all equipment and surfaces that are touched during a training session.

### Uniforms

A number of parents approached me last week regarding the change over to Oz Fashion, our new uniform supplier and their experience of the service, lack of stock etc. I spoke to Joe Arida regarding these concerns and he has asked me to extend his apologies for the inconvenience that some of you may have experienced including long waiting periods for service and long queues. If you are still waiting for a uniform item to come back into stock please ring **Oz Fashion on 98973121** to see if the item is now in. Joe assured me that most items have now been restocked and should be available.

Kind regards,

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

*Mrs Cheryl Fortini*

## WELCOME BACK!!!

This week in PBS4L classes will be unpacking our expectations of **LIVE SAFELY**, **LOVE RESPECTFULLY** and **LEARN DAILY** in all areas.

LIVE SAFELY	LEARN DAILY	LOVE RESPECTFULLY
At Holy Family we Live Safely by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- keeping our hands and feet to ourselves</li><li>- being in the right place at the right time</li><li>- walking around all areas calmly and quietly</li></ul>	At Holy Family we Learn Daily by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- taking responsibility for our decisions and actions</li><li>- using manners with our teachers and peers</li><li>- being ready to learn, are focused and determined</li></ul>	At Holy Family we Love Respectfully by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- using teamwork with our peers</li><li>- show empathy to all</li><li>- being an active communicator</li></ul>

## Guess who got to meet Bubuk?

Our wonderful Kindergarten students met our Holy Family mascot Bubuk the powerful and intelligent owl! They had lots of fun and were even a little surprised...lucky their Year 6 buddies were there to tell them all about Bubuk!





## BIRTHDAY WISHES !

Congratulations to the following students who celebrated their birthday in January



Thomas Aguer	Danny Awad
Jason Chen	Rita El Ghoubaire
Jonathon El-Khoury	Zac El-Khoury
Samuel Georges	Deon Gergi
Elizabeth Halapio	William Isaac
Tiana Katrib	Patrick Kirby
Xavier Kurdi	Aanya Lama
Suhang Limbu	Jiesen Lin
Charles Mansour	Georgia Mansour
Johnny Shi	Erika Tabach
Annabelle Wehbe	Jesse Weng

## 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 instructions to respond. If you do not receive an SMS or are unable to follow the link please send a note in with your child when they return. 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 2021 must give 10 weeks written notice to the school, 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](mailto: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.

## School Fees

Statements will be sent directly to your home address after the 15/2.

The statement will include important information on how to **pay online** including payment plans.

Please note CEDP has directed schools to **not accept cash payments**.

Therefore our office has a **NO CASH** payment policy, if you are unable to pay online or at the post office we can take credit card payments over the phone or in the office.



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James Achi	Aawahang Angbo
Elina Ding	Ava Elali
Catalina Houshmand	Amelia Katrib
Tristan Lancaster	Caleb Lim
Yuhan Lin	Samuel Livingstone
Animesh Maharjan	Nabil Nassar
Abuk Ngor	Cairee Piniero
Tracy Shi	Jacinta Taleb
Sophia Taouk	Justin Wang
Anthony Wehbe	Kelly Yu



### School Newsletter/Email to parents/carers: Info for parents/carers

#### Safer Internet Day - 9 February 2021 eSafety Webinars for Parents/Carers

Dear Parents/Carers

At Catholic Education Diocese Parramatta (CEDP) we see parents and carers as partners in your child's learning journey. In partnership with the eSafety Commissioner, CEDP would like to invite you to join the following free webinar for parents and carers:

1) *eSafety's parent guide to cyberbullying and online drama*

- Tuesday 9 February 7.30 to 8.30 pm
- Wednesday 10 February 12.30 to 1.30 pm
- Wednesday 10 February 7.30 to 8.30 pm
- Monday 15 February 12.30 to 1.30 pm
- Monday 22 March 12.30 to 1.30 pm

This live webinar will include case studies, research and targeted advice so you can support the young people in your life to have safe, enjoyable online experiences. All sessions are delivered by the eSafety Commission's expert educators.

#### About the webinar

The session will cover topics including:

- starting conversations with your child about their online friendships and positive ways to deal with changing relationships
- understanding the rights, laws and community expectations that govern social media use
- where to seek help if your child is involved in a cyberbullying incident.

#### What you need to do

- 1) Please register for the course via the eSafety Commissions website via the following link:
  - February 2020 - March 2020 sessions - [link to register](https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars) or via <https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars>

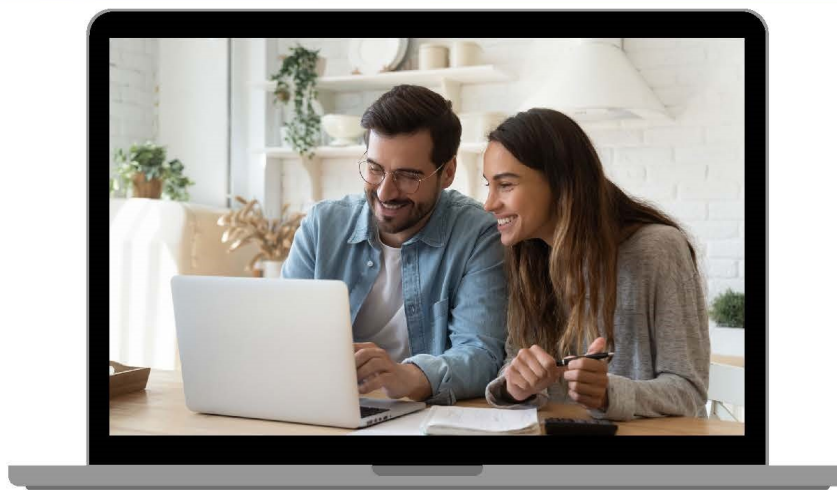
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## NSW PARENT/CARER ONLINE WORKSHOP




Join us for an online workshop where you will have the opportunity to listen, share and learn with parents and carers who support young people on the autism spectrum, from across New South Wales.

This online workshop is for parents, full-time carers and grandparents. Join other families to learn more about autism and ways to strengthen the home-school partnership.

During the online workshops, we will cover three topics:

- diversity of autism
- understanding behaviour
- working together with your child's school

### Location:

 New South Wales  
via zoom online

### Date:

Wednesday 24th February 2021

### Time

Wed 9:30 AM - 2:30 PM (AEDT)



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For more information and to register, visit [www.positivepartnerships.com.au](http://www.positivepartnerships.com.au)  
or contact Alison Macrae [amacrae@autismspectrum.org.au](mailto:amacrae@autismspectrum.org.au)





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- diversity of autism
- working together with your child's school
- understanding sensory processing
- understanding behaviour.

These workshops are part of a series of sessions but you can choose if you would like to register for each session or just the individual ones you are able to join.

*\*Please note that this is not a webinar but is an online workshop where we will work collaboratively together online across the sessions.*

### Location:

NEW SOUTH WALES  
via zoom online

### Dates & Times (AEDT):

#### Diversity of Autism

🌟 Tues 2 Feb, 2021  
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

#### Sensory Processing

🌟 Tues 9 Feb, 2021  
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

#### Understanding Behaviour

🌟 Tues 16 Feb, 2021  
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

#### Working Together

🌟 Tues 23 Feb, 2021  
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

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or contact Rachael Dillon [rdillon@autismspectrum.org.au](mailto:rdillon@autismspectrum.org.au)

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#### **For more information contact**

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7:00am - 6:00pm

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## **News from our Library**

### **Welcome back for our school library.**

We are excited to start borrowing with our students again and have lots of new books for them to enjoy and share with you at home.

Students will be borrowing on either a Monday (yrs 1,3,4 and 6) or a Friday (K, yrs 2 and 5).

All students need a library bag to borrow

Also check out our library site at [https://ceop.ent.sirsidynix.net.au/client/en\\_GB/1394/](https://ceop.ent.sirsidynix.net.au/client/en_GB/1394/) where your child can explore our library and plan which books to borrow along with ebooks available to them through the Diocesan library.







*Many more fresh and healthy items are available over the counter every day*

## WEEKLY SPECIALS

<b>MONDAY SPECIAL</b>	
• Twisted Bolognese	- \$4.50 (E)
• Lasagne Veggie or Beef	- \$4.50 (E)
• Oven Baked Hot chips	- \$4.50 (O)
<b>TUESDAY SPECIAL</b>	
• Lean Beef Cheeseburger	- \$4.50 (E)
• Mac and Cheese	- \$4.50 (E)
• Pizza wrap (cheese, chicken, meat, veggie)	- \$4.50 (E)
<b>WEDNESDAY SPECIAL</b>	
• Butter Chicken	- \$4.50 (GF)
• Fried Rice- Veggie or Traditional	- \$4.50 (GF)
• Hot Dog (Chicken or Beef)	- \$3.00 (O)
<b>THURSDAY SPECIAL</b>	
• Pizza wrap (cheese, chicken, meat, veggie)	- \$4.50 (E)
• Mac and Cheese	- \$4.50 (E)
• Lasagne Beef or Veggie	- \$4.50 (E)
<b>FRIDAY SPECIAL</b>	
• Fried Rice- Veggie or Traditional	- \$4.50 (GF)
• Chicken nuggets X 6	- \$4.20 (O)
• Pizza wrap (cheese, chicken, meat, veggie)	- \$4.50 (E)

### 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)  
Choc & Straw Milk - \$2.50 (O)  
Juice Bomb - 250ml - \$2.50 (E)  
VitaGo! Juice - \$2.00 (E)

*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)
- Greek Salad-\$4.50 (E)

Made to Order Sandwiches, wraps and Salads prices

### 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)
- Fish Burger- Baked fish fillet, Lettuce-\$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)
- Sausage Roll 160g -\$3.50 (O)
- Beef Pie 180g -\$4.50 (O)
- Spaghetti Bolognese -4.50 (E)
- Potato Bake -\$4.50 (GF)

### Quick Fresh Snacks

- Watermelon -\$1.00 (E)
- Yogurt -\$2.50 (E)
- Fresh fruit -\$1.00 (GF)
- Fresh Muffins -\$1.50 (E)

### Icy Treats

- Frozen juice Cup-\$1.50 (E)
- Moosies-\$1.50 (E)
- Snap Stix \$1.50 (E)
- Slushie 99.9% fruit Juice-\$2.00 (E)
- Paddle Pop -\$2.00 (O)
- Peters Lifesaver -\$2.00 (O)
- Bulla ice cream -\$1.50 (E)
- Ice Mony \$1.00 (E)

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

### Food Codes

- GF- Gluten Free
- E – Everyday
- O – Occasional

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