



Yr 5 Religious Education

This term in Religious Education, Year Five has been inquiring into the question 'How can we all find hope and joy?'

To answer this question successfully we considered both the strengths that assist us in experiencing this along with our vulnerabilities that might inhibit such experiences.

As a result, we were then able to come up with a list of things we already know (KNOWS) about the driving question. As a class we then listed what we need to know (NEED TO KNOWS) in order to answer the driving question successfully.



- How do I experience hope and joy?
What is the difference?

- Can everyone experience hope and joy?
Does everyone have the same hopes and joys?

- What does Scripture tell us about hope and joy?

- Why should we bring hope and joy to others?

- What can I do to bring hope and joy to others?



When exploring what Scripture tells us about hope and joy, students unpacked the Scripture passage *The Rich Man (Mark 10: 17-22)* in depth. This provided the foundation for students to present prayer at our most recent assembly. When unpacking this Scripture students came to the understanding that for us to experience hope and joy within our lives, we must surround ourselves with things we need as opposed to what we want. More importantly, we can experience hope and joy by giving to those who are in need and living a life based on good deeds.

We still have more work to do and cannot wait to share it with all of you!

Please scan the QR code to see photos of the work completed by Year 5 in Religious Education, as well as a video recording of their assembly item.



Year 5 RE

From the Principal...

Dear Parents and Carers,
Playground Markings

On Monday morning the students arrived at school to find new line marked games on the playground to play on. The new playground line markings were made possible from the funds raised from the 2020 Colour Run fundraising event. Thank you again for your generosity. Games include *Snakes & Ladders*, *Target Game*, *Mirror Me*, *4 Way Hopscotch*, *5 Handball Courts* and an *Activity Track*. Our learners are loving the bright colours and new activities.



Learning Dispositions ~ Focus

Each year Holy Family learners revise the Learning Dispositions as part of their foundational learning and the nine dispositions are continuously referred to throughout the year. These enable our learners to think more deeply about **how** they learn and what areas they need to work on. The nine dispositions are also reported on in the half yearly and yearly student reports.

How you can help your child:

It can be difficult for some children to stay focused and pay attention (how many adults are struggling with this, too?...) Our children are constantly doing something. So to develop the skill of **focusing** and paying attention to **one thing**, they need to practice just being and observing.

How do we help our children develop the ability to just be, listen to the silence, and relax?

Create a "sit spot" for your child.

A "sit spot" is a spot outside where they can sit and observe. Give them a journal and pencils. Their task would be to sit and look around and draw pictures of what they see or think about.

Older children can also write about things they see, hear, or think about.

Initially, you can do it together with your child. Sit with them and say "Let's be quiet for a bit. What can you hear? What can you see?...." and go through all the senses.

Then explain that when we're always so busy doing something or talking, we miss those things they've just noticed.

Another thing you can try is to sit together facing away from each other. When time is up you can turn and face each other to share your drawings or writings.

As your child practices sitting on their sit spot, they will get better at paying attention and focusing.



Parent Question Evenings

Thank you to the parents who attended the Question evenings last week. Your questions and queries brought to the teacher's attention some issues that they hadn't thought of, as well as being an opportunity to listen to parent thoughts, concerns and being able to clarify some issues. Thank you to all the staff for providing this opportunity to continue to build partnerships with parents of their students.

CEDP Filming

In last fortnight's newsletter I informed parents about the filming that occurred last week at Holy Family. These days of filming were very successful and we should be able to preview the promotional video for Holy Family school in about a month's time.

Collection Notice for parents/guardians 2021 Student Residential Address and Other Information

Today each family will receive a letter outlining the process of the Collection of student residential address and information. This is a government requirement that the school needs to complete. Please read the letter carefully and if you have any concerns please contact the school. Be assured that no student personal information such as their name is disclosed.

Kind regards,

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

Mrs Cheryl Fortini



It's such a fantastic and veg-citing way to start the school year with Vegetable Week 2021, which will run from Monday 15 March to Friday 19 March.

Let's Get Involved!

Students will be involved in a variety of fun and educational activities about the health benefits of vegetables during Vegetable Week. In

addition, **Holy Family will be celebrating a fun event, 'The Big Veggie Crunch' on Friday 19 March.**

So let's get our children excited about vegetables and break the record for the highest number of children eating vegetables simultaneously.

It's free, quick and easy.

On the day, Friday 19th March, please send in a small container of 3-4 of your child's favourite fruit and vegetables. Please make sure the fruit and vegetables are washed and ready to eat and that the packaging is reusable or plastic free.

We also would like you to choose a favourite vegetable recipe to send with your child to school. Children will be able to share their recipes with one another and a digital book of Holy Families' vegetable recipes will be created for us all to celebrate and be inspired to cook healthy, delicious and culturally diverse meals.

Cricket Blast

Students from Kindergarten to Year 6 have been participating in the Cricket Blast program. Students have been learning the skills of catching, throwing, bowling, batting and fielding. Students have been having a great time and these are just some of the photos we have of students participating in the Cricket Blast Program.



NEW DRAFT CURRICULUM

What is the purpose of the questions in the New Draft Curriculum?

The best learning begins when people ask questions. The questions that are included in the Draft New Curriculum (DNC) are similar to ones that have come from students. Asking questions is their way of thinking about and trying to make sense of their world. This approach has been practised in Catholic education for centuries. **Pope Francis** recently advised leaders in the Church not to simply continue answering **'questions people are no longer asking.'** *The DNC does not teach students anything that is contrary to the Catholic faith. The role of our teachers is to respond to the questions their students ask and work towards the learning goals using Catholic Teaching.*

Why are examples of Inquiry Questions provided?

The Inquiry Questions are examples of the kinds of questions that students have asked us about life and faith. The Inquiry Question is not the Essential Content that is taught to students. Teachers will draw on the Essential Content in each Learning Cycle, and the knowledge that their students already have, to develop with their students, relevant Inquiry Questions. This helps teachers to personalise the learning so that learning needs can be met. Students are given the opportunity to contribute to the development of the Inquiry Questions.



BEGINNING SCHOOL LITURGY

Last week the community gathered to celebrate the new school year. Father Andrew presided over this liturgy that our Year 6 teachers and learners organised. The liturgy began with an entrance procession that culminated in the creation of our sacred space. We also took this opportunity to acknowledge our new Kindergarten learners to our school, as well as new students who

have joined Year 1 and to new 2021 staff members. These children all received a prayer card of The Holy Family as a token of welcome. During the liturgy, our Year 6 learners were commissioned as the new leaders of our school and at this time they recited their pledge and received their badges. This was filmed and can be viewed on the Holy Family FACEBOOK page. It was a very prayerful experience. We look forward to a wonderful year where we LIVE safely, LOVE respectfully and LEARN daily.





Yr 6 WORKSHOP - The Angelus

Recently, I visited the Year 6 learning space and facilitated a workshop on the prayer we stop for at noon at each day to pray, 'The Angelus'.

Students shared great insight as to what they believe prayer to be. Many students commented that it was not only a time to talk to God, but also a time to listen and hear what is being asked of them by God.

The workshop gave us the opportunity to **'reflect together on the mystery of the Incarnation as announced by the message of an Angel'**. Students had heard this word before and knew it was a word used in other prayers. In exploring this concept, we viewed the Youtube clip ["Why Jesus became man"](#). This is a short 90 second video that allowed our Year 6 students to learn that,

*God's act of becoming man in Jesus Christ, the Incarnation,
is the foundation of Christian faith and of hope
for the redemption of mankind.*



The workshop allowed for deep learning about our Catholic tradition. Year 6 students lead the Holy Family community in 'The Angelus' prayer each day signified by the ringing of bells at 12 noon.

LIFTED LIVE - JUNIOR (by Tiana and Makayla on behalf of Year 6 2021)

On Tuesday, Year 6 participated in the virtual Lifted Live program, brought to us by the Catholic Diocese of Parramatta. Usually this presentation would be a live performance at Rooty Hill Theatre, however due to Covid 19 this had to be done over a zoom call with 45 other Catholic schools in the Diocese.

In previous years the FIAT (Faith in Action Team) would be the only people from the school to attend. Being virtual meant the whole of Year 6 could participate. The main focus of Lifted Live Junior 2021 was to focus on Caritas and the motto 'Don't aspire to have more, but to be more' the words of Saint Oscar Romero. It also focused on the words of Pope Francis, 'to accompany others', especially during this Lenten Season.

Different schools participated in reflections and prayers and we joined in on fun games and activities. Lots of special guests joined in, including Christian singing artist Gen Bryant who sung a few songs including the new song celebrating 200 years of Catholic education. Overall, Year 6 had a very fun experience and learnt lots of things about our diocese and our goal of service.



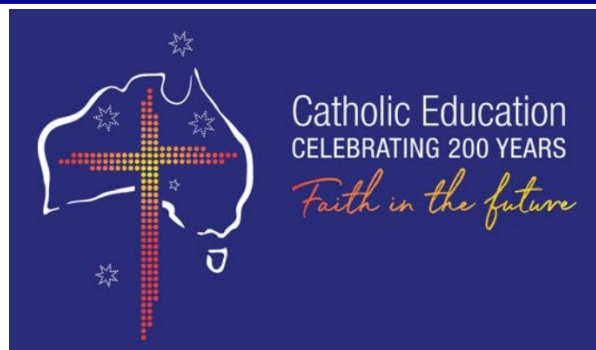
VINNIES VAN POPPER AND CHIP (SNACK) DRIVE

Thank you so much for your donations. The response was overwhelming. Our staffroom and learning spaces were overflowing with poppers and chips.

All of our donations will be collected by the Vinnies Night Truck later this week. Thank you again for supporting your children in contributing to this Lenten program.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Next week, (Week 7) is Catholic Schools Week. The main aim of CSW is to raise awareness and celebrate the strength and distinctiveness of Catholic schools across the State. In 2021, Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta has taken on the theme for this year, "Celebrating 200 Years of Catholic Schooling".



A committee of staff members was formed a number of weeks ago to coordinate how Holy Family will celebrate this annual event. Unfortunately restrictions due to Covid prevent us from extending invitations to the wider community, however, we will be sure to share information, videos and photos through our various social media platforms.

The following, outlines how we will be celebrating:

MONDAY
9am - Outdoor Liturgy
TUESDAY
Past Project - Stage 3 School Gallery walk of Years 5 and 6 whereby students will share what school was like in the past.
WEDNESDAY
Present Project - K-2 "My school" School Gallery walk of Kinder, Years 1 and 2 whereby students will share information about their school.
THURSDAY
Future Project Stage 2 School Gallery walk of Years 3 and 4 whereby students will share what school might be like in the future.
FRIDAY
Hall School celebration 12:40pm <ul style="list-style-type: none">Including School Time Capsule for the future 2221 Holy Family Community Picnic lunch on oval 1:30 pm

Staff and students are looking forward to Celebrating 200 Years of Catholic Education

LIBRARY NEWS

2021 Premier's Reading Challenge

1. The Challenge opens on 1 March 2021.
2. The Challenge closes on 20th August 2021. **You must complete your online Student Reading Record by 20 August 2021 (11:59 pm) to complete the Challenge.** Or if completing by the reading log, it must be handed in also by this date.

NSW Premier's Reading Challenge

The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely.

The Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) is available for all NSW students in Kindergarten to Year 9, in government, independent, Catholic and home schools. Students who complete the challenge, receive a certificate from the Premier

K-2 Read 30 books, Y3-4 20 books & Y5-6 20 Books.

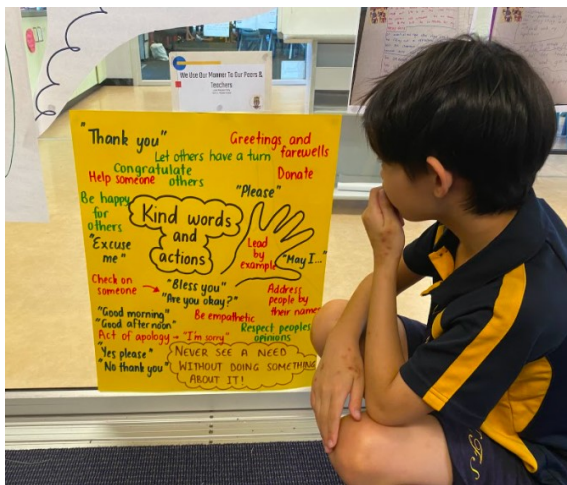
Books are marked with **Red stickers** for K-2, **green stickers** for Y3-4 & **purple stickers** for Y5-6.

Forms can be collected from the library or school office.

Year of completing PRC	Award received
First year	Challenge completion certificate
Second year	Challenge completion certificate
Third year	Challenge completion certificate
Fourth year	Gold certificate
Fifth year	Challenge completion certificate
Sixth year	Challenge completion certificate

This week in PBS4L... We Use Our Manners To Our Peers & Teachers

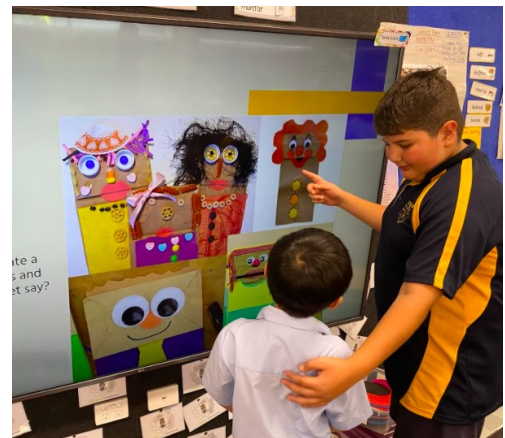
Students looked at why it is important to use our manners, polite words such as **please** and **thank you**, **excuse me** and different ways we can look after each other!



"We can use our manners to show that we are being polite"

We created a Polite Puppet and brainstormed different words to use to show our manners.

What are some kind words and kind actions?



Next week in PBS4L... We Take Responsibility For Our Decisions & Actions!

In our next lesson, we will learn the importance of taking responsibility for our decisions and actions.

This means following through on things you say you will do, owning up to both our good and bad choices! Look for the Facebook post to see the photos for this lesson!

BIRTHDAY WISHES !

Congratulations to the following students who
celebrate their birthday in March



Maroun Dib	Leah El Chediak
Alannah Feher-Hegarty	Petra Fonua
Reyansha Giri	Aayaan Kaul
Mary Kpaka	Mohil Limbu
Yihan Lu	Ngor Mathiang
Evelyn McKenzie	Jouli Moussa
Alakor Ngor	Charli Paleologos
Candice Xu	Raymond Xue
Zoe Yacoub	Feynman Zheng
Ivan Zheng	



HOLY FAMILY PRIMARY EAST GRANVILLE

OPEN DAYS

3 March
9:30am - 11:00am

5 March
3:30pm - 5:00pm

Enrolling now

for 2022

199 The Trongate, East Granville
8633 8200 Register at
www.hfgranville.catholic.edu.au

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 **before** sending them back to school or have them bring them to the office before going into the classroom. 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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School Canteen
Open Daily
**Order Online or send orders
with children**



STUDENT AWARDS

We congratulate **Week 4 Term 1** Student of the Week Award recipients :

Kindy	Vicas He	Mohil Limbu
Year 1	Arogya Aryal	Druti Lamichhane
Year 2	Jouli Moussa	Tony Elbayeh
Year 3	Gavin Matro	Mary-Fay Kanaan
Year 4	Xavier Kurdi	Derek Custodio
Year 5	Alannah Feher-Hegarty	Louis Lu
Year 6	Ngor Mathiang	Marie Tawk



STUDENT AWARDS

We congratulate **Week 5 Term 1** Student of the Week Award recipients :

Kindy	Masallina Ulavalu	Filipe Niulala
Year 1	Brianna Vu	Vinci Yick
Year 2	Semia Wang	Oscar He
Year 3	Joshua Katrib	Marcus Senesi
Year 4	Olivia Katrib	Danny Awad
Year 5	Jacob Hallab	Mary Kpaka
Year 6	Anthony Wehbe	Tiana Katrib



Catherine McAuley Westmead Enrolling Now for Year 7 2022



Enrolment applications for Year 7 2022 (First Round Offers) are due by Friday, 19th March 2021. Enrolment packs are available at your primary school office or by visiting the Catherine McAuley Westmead website.

The School Open Afternoon scheduled for Wednesday, 10th March 2021 has been cancelled. Instead the school is offering small group school tours over a number of days in early March. Book a place on a school tour by visiting the school website under Enrolment/Visit Our School.

Catherine McAuley, 2 Darcy Road, Westmead | www.mcauley.nsw.edu.au | Telephone: 9849 9100



2021 Open Day will be held on
Tuesday 9 March commencing at
4:30 pm and concluding at 7:00 pm.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions
THIS WILL BE A TICKETED EVENT ONLY
for prospective enrolment into Year 7 2022

5 x 30 minute sessions are available
*(1 x adult, 1 x child - please choose 1 session only as
numbers are limited)*

Scan this code to make a booking



Please contact the College on 8724 7300
should you require any further information

Enrolments are now open for Year 7 2022 and 2023

Enrolment Packages are available from
the College Office or on our Website
cerdonmerrylands.catholic.edu.au



HFS Parent Calendar - Term 1, 2021

Week	Date	Event
5	Monday 22/2	Parent Information Question Session Kindy & Yr2
	Tuesday 23/2	Parent Information Question Session Yr1 & Yr3
	Wednesday 24/2	Parent Information Question Session Yr4
	Thursday 25/2	Parent Information Question Session Yr5 & Yr6
	Friday 26/2	Whole School Assembly Yr 1, 3, 5
6	Wednesday 3/3	Backflips Against Bullying - School Performance K-6
	Friday 5/3	Cross Country
7	Monday 8/3	Catholic Schools Week
8	Wednesday 17/3	Feast of St Patrick
	Friday 19/3	Feast of St Joseph
9	Thursday 25/3	NAPLAN Practice Test—Yrs 3 & 5
	Friday 3/4	Whole School Assembly Yr K, 2, 4, 6
10	Monday 29/3/4	Holy Week Celebrations
	Thursday 1/4	Last Day for Students for Term 1
	Friday 2/4	GOOD FRIDAY