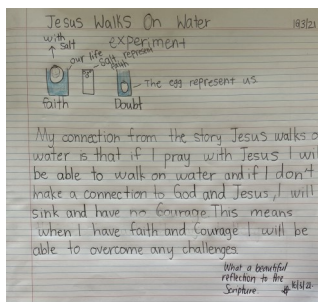




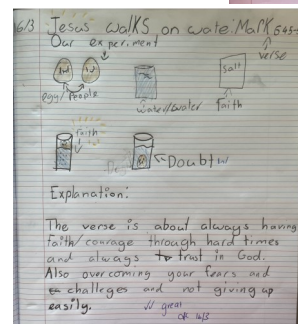
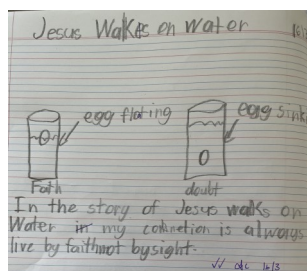
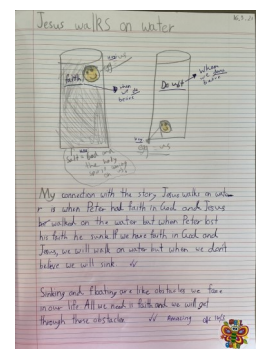
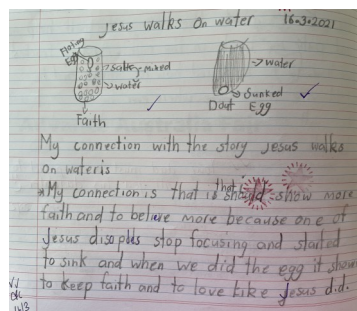
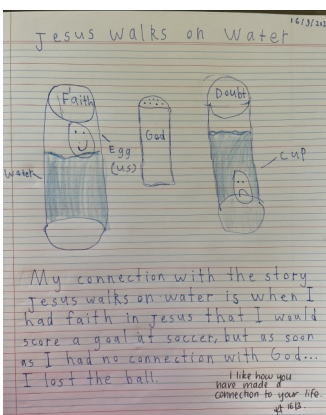
"How can we be heroes and fulfill our call to holiness?"

In Religious Education, Year 4 highlighted and discussed questions that we had when unpacking the Scripture passage *Jesus walks on water*. To reflect on this passage, we participated in an experiment using 2 cups of water, 2 raw eggs and salt. One glass of water was labelled 'doubt' and the other glass was labelled 'faith'.

We discussed what would happen if we tried to walk on water and how Jesus walked on water. After placing the egg that resembled 'us' in a glass of salt water we noticed it floated. The egg floated because the salt made the water more dense or we could say that the salt is 'faith' that keeps us focused on Jesus no matter what challenges we are faced with.



We then came to the conclusion that when we have faith and belief in Jesus, we will 'float' or live happily and in union with God. However, if we didn't have faith or we were doubtful, then we would 'sink' or struggle to go through obstacles and storms in our lives.



From the Principal...

Dear Parents and Carers,

Prayers for Community Members

Currently we have a number of families who are experiencing difficult times, either a death in the family or illness and are in need of our prayers.

As you are aware Mr Bawden had major surgery last Friday. The operation was successful and he now faces a slow journey to full recovery. Please keep him in your prayers.

Acting Assistant Principal

While Mr Bawden is on sick leave we have appointed an Acting Assistant Principal until he is able to return to his duties. On Monday 22nd March we welcome Mr Mark Galea to Holy Family Primary. Mr Galea is currently the REC at Holy Trinity, Granville.

Catholic Schools Week

Last week was a great celebration of the anniversary of 200 Years Catholic Education in Australia. Congratulations and thank you to all the staff and students for making the *Past, Present and Future of Catholic Education* come alive. *It was also wonderful to see our parents have the opportunity to also come along and share in these events.*

Covid Restrictions still in Place

Some parents have enquired about their attendance to the end of Term Celebration of Learning Assembly. As I explained to a few of the parents last week, any activity that is held indoors, such as in the hall, we have to maintain a 2m square distance between adults. As the students take up the majority of the space we could only fit a maximum of 15-20 adults. Trying to accommodate the high numbers who previously attended these assemblies is not possible.

Easter Egg Donations & Raffle

Thank you for the generosity of families who have already sent in donations of Easter Eggs and baskets. Today Raffle Tickets will be sent home. Please return sold tickets and money in an envelope with your child's name & class clearly marked. All raffle tickets need to be returned by Friday 26th March as draws for baskets will start on Monday 29th March.



DEVELOP PROBLEM-SOLVING SKILLS

INSTEAD OF:

Let me take a
look...



TRY:

Please "try 3 before
you ask me!"

Why can't you just
do it yourself?



What do instructions
say? What else can
you try?

This looks pretty
easy. Try again.



Let's solve this
mystery. Where else
can you look up the
answer?

Your brother got it
done without
complaining.













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10 WAYS TO RAISE A HAPPIER CHILD

-  **1 Listen when they talk**
Let them express their feelings & validate them
-  **2 Point out their strengths with compliments**
-  **3 Avoid excess screen-time**
-  **4 Teach them to pay attention to other's feelings**
-  **5 Encourage their friendships with other great kids**
-  **6 Let them have some 'do-nothing playtime' every day**
-  **7 Eat dinner as a family (If you can't, then do breakfast)**
-  **8 Let your happiness show**
-  **9 Tell them you love them - often!**
-  **10**

This infographic is brought you by
 **THE PARENTS LIST**

Reference: <http://elizabethpanthey.com/10-ways-to-raise-a-happier-child/>

Kind regards,

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

Mrs Cheryl Fortini

NAPLAN - Online Testing

The National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) assessments happen every year. In May, students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 are tested on the fundamental literacy and numeracy skills that every child needs to succeed in school and beyond. NAPLAN is a national, consistent measure to determine whether or not students are meeting important educational outcomes.

For the most recent information about NAPLAN, including upcoming tests and resources for parents, students and schools, visit the [NAP website https://www.nap.edu.au/](https://www.nap.edu.au/)



ACARA believes the best preparation for NAPLAN is instruction in the literacy and numeracy content in the Australian Curriculum. We do not encourage excessive drilling or cramming.

The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to reassure your child that NAPLAN tests are just one part of their school program:

- Encourage your child to simply do the best they can on the day.
- Avoid excessive cramming or coaching in the lead-up to NAPLAN
- Speak to your child's teacher if you have questions about how you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN.

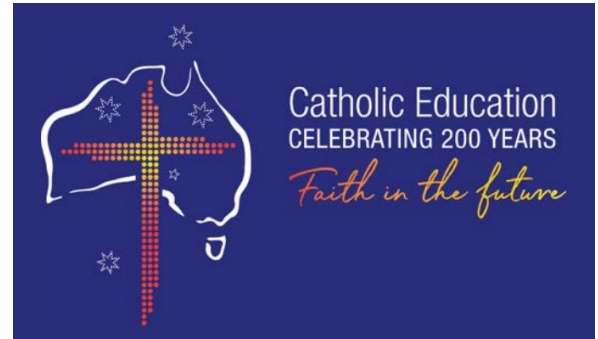
If you want to help your child feel comfortable with the kinds of questions in a NAPLAN test, you can view past NAPLAN papers and answers for practice or [visit the NAPLAN Online public demonstration site https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site](https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site)

Further information re: NAPLAN Online testing will be made available in future newsletters.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK LITURGY

Last week the Holy Family community celebrated Catholic Schools Week. The week started with a liturgy where we gave thanks for the wonderful learning and teaching that takes place each day in every learning space.

In our liturgy, we acknowledged and thanked all who work together in the service of Catholic Education. We also heard both the National Prayer and National hymn written for this occasion.



EXPRESSION OF INTEREST SACRAMENTS OF PENANCE & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION

'Expression of Interest' forms have been received by Holy Family Parish and have been distributed to students in Years 3 and 5.

Should you not have received this form, or your child is in another grade, please access, via the school website or collect from the school office.



PENANCE & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Students in Year 3 or older who have been baptised in the Catholic Church, are invited to register their interest for the Sacrament of Penance and First Holy Communion.

These Holy Masses will be held in October of this year.

Proof of baptism will be required at a later date.



CONFIRMATION:

Students in Year 5 or Year 6 who have been baptised in the Roman Catholic Church and who have made their First Holy Communion, are invited to register their interest for the Sacrament of Confirmation. This Holy Mass is to be held in June of this year.

The form that is an expression of interest only, is to be completed and returned to the school office no later than Friday March, 26th.

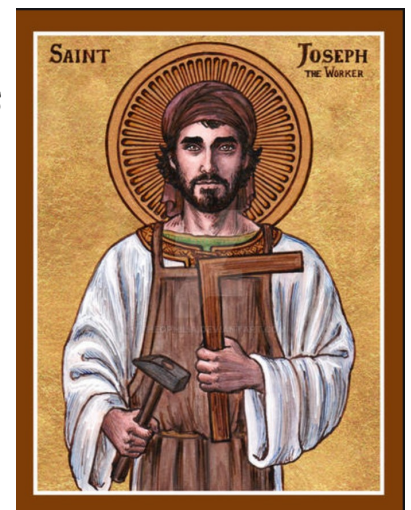
Further details and actual enrolment forms for these sacraments will be made available after this date.

ST. JOSEPH'S FEAST DAY - 19th March

St. Joseph was an ordinary manual worker, although he did descend from the royal house of David. Joseph was destined to become the husband of Mary the Mother of Jesus.

Joseph would have found it difficult to understand that Mary was pregnant with the Son of God before they were married. Joseph supported Mary and was to always be the trustworthy witness of the Messiah's birth.

This week we will celebrate the Feast of St Joseph with a liturgy.



In December, 2020 Pope Francis, published an Apostolic Letter *Patris corde* (With a Father's Heart), commemorating the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To mark the occasion, the Holy Father has proclaimed a "Year of St Joseph", running from December 8, 2020 to December 8, 2021.

Please view Celebrating St. Joseph - video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PBq1khJoTtk>

FORMATION: COLLABORATIVE INQUIRY FOR IMPACT (Formerly School Formation Goal)

Each year, schools in the diocese, using relevant data, develop an area of inquiry. Based on data collected last year and from a survey completed by staff at the beginning of 2021, the 3H Paradigm: One Consciousness has been identified as an area of development towards the pursuit of holiness. Therefore, the wording of our formation inquiry for 2021 is:

For the Holy Family learning community (staff, students and parents) to make connections/recognise links between the ways they live, love and learn and the 3H paradigm (HEAD, HEART & HAND)

The '3H' Paradigm aspires to educate the whole person. The Church believes, that a strong faith is a healthy balance of head (thinking), heart (feeling) and hands (doing). To enhance the Mission, all peoples (students, staff and families), within the Catholic Schools of the diocese will have a variety of opportunities to experience the '3H' Paradigm.

Invitational opportunities include:

- Experiencing academic rigor in the learning space through critical inquiry - **intellectual formation**
- Opportunities in the classroom to experience prayer, liturgy, Church and sacramentality - **spiritual formation**
- Numerous internal and external works of charity (service) for Mission - **human and pastoral formation**



VINNIES LENTEN SNACK APPEAL



Josie from Vinnies collected the snack donations last week. One of our Year 4 students who assisted in helping get them into her car asked her, 'Well what happens next?' Josie was thrilled that this question was asked. She is going to share with us information about how our donations make up part of the packs, who distributes them and where and when they are distributed and who it is that receives them. Stay tuned!

Cross Country

On the 5th March students from Year 2 to Year 6 participated in the 2021 Holy Family Cross Country. This took place at Colquhoun Park where students from ages 9 to 12 ran 2km or 3km. Congratulations to the 22 students that will represent Holy Family at the Zone Cross Country.

Students from Kindergarten to Year 2 participated in the Infants Activity Day. The Year Six leaders helped run the Infant's Activity Day at school and the Primary games at the park. These activities were Tunnel ball, Captain ball, over and under, parachute, relays, sack races and bean bag toss. The Infants and the Primary students had lots of fun playing these games and Year 6 leaders had fun organising these. Thankfully this year parents were allowed to watch their children compete in the Cross Country. Overall this year's Cross Country was very enjoyable and successful.

By Makayla and Anweshi Year 6



Last week in PBS4L....We Take Responsibility for our Decisions and Actions!

At HFS, we know it is **important to take responsibility for our actions and decisions.**

This means we follow through with what we say we will do. We think of others and consider how they feel.

What are some of the right decisions you have made today?

You might like to keep this prayer to pray with your families at home.



This week in PBS4L we will be learning about...Walking Around All Areas Quietly and Calmly

At HFS we walk and move safely in all areas of the school.

We are courteous and move across to one side to ensure all classes can move about the school calmly and safely.

How can you move around areas of our community in a quiet, calm and respectful manner?

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 have been sent directly to your home address. If you have not received one please contact the office.

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

Please note Term 1 fees are due by 17/3/2021.



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STUDENT AWARDS

We congratulate **Week 6 Term 1** Student of the Week Award recipients :

| | | |
|---------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Kindy | Prisha Shrestha | Eric Shi |
| Year 1 | Bennet Adhikari | Samuel Nassour |
| Year 2 | Aawan Angbo | Norah Rai |
| Year 3 | Huien Xue | Joanna Lin |
| Year 4 | Isabella Bazeovski | Nicholas Bitar |
| Year 5 | Thomas Aguer | Mimsa Limbu-Wahung |
| Year 6 | Elias El Kady | Makayla Isaac |



STUDENT AWARDS

We congratulate **Week 7 Term 1** Student of the Week Award recipients :

| | | |
|--------|------------------|-------------------|
| Kindy | Ivan Zheng | Jonathan Issa |
| Year 1 | Jacinta Taleb | Azalea Maskey |
| Year 2 | Nolan Rai | Animesh Maharjan |
| Year 3 | Makayla Merhi | Michael Commodore |
| Year 4 | Yusha Sharhan | Chanel Davis |
| Year 5 | Gethyn Griffiths | Krista Kumar |
| Year 6 | Patrick Kirby | Jamee El Kady |



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



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



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

HFS Parent Calendar - Term 1, 2021

| Week | Date | Event |
|------|----------------|---|
| 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 |
| | Thursday 18/3 | Easter raffle tickets sent home |
| | Friday 19/3 | Feast of St Joseph |
| 9 | Thursday 25/3 | NAPLAN Practice Test—Yrs 3 & 5 |
| | Friday 3/4 | Raffle tickets & Money due |
| | Friday 3/4 | Whole School Assembly Yr K, 2, 4, 6 |
| 10 | Monday 29/3/4 | Holy Week Celebrations |
| | Monday 29/3 | Raffles drawn |
| | Thursday 1/4 | Last Day for Students for Term 1 |
| | Friday 2/4 | GOOD FRIDAY |

Monthly Bereavement Support Gathering

CatholicCare Solo Parent Services run a Monthly Bereavement Support Gathering for anyone whose spouse or partner has died. If you feel alone in your grief and would like to be part of a group where you can share your experience of loss in a safe and supportive environment, you are welcome. Gatherings are held on the 3rd Thursday of each month from 10am -12pm.

Next Gathering: Thursday 18th March. **Venue:** CatholicCare Parramatta **Cost:** \$5

Please call Rita Chater on 8843 2500 or email soloparentservices@ccss.org.au for more information or to register.