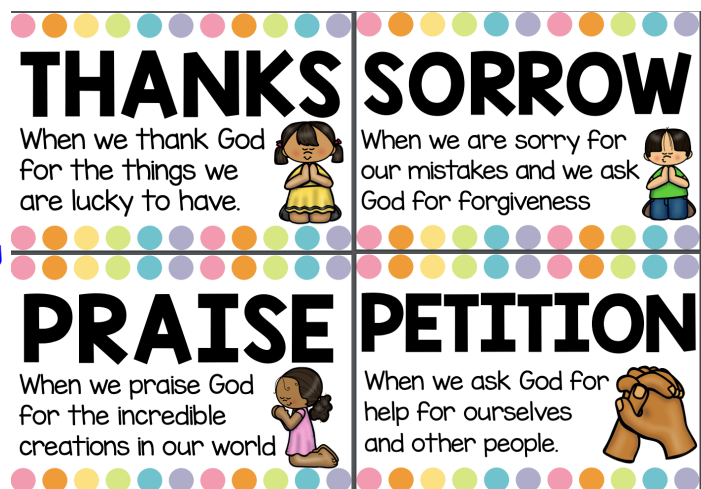


*Philippians 4:6-7 Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

**Year One** have been learning about the importance of **prayer** during our **Religion** lessons. Prayer is a matter of the heart and mind. It is recognised as a way we can grow our relationship with God.

There are 4 different types of prayer:

*We created an online prayer book and every morning in our daily zoom check ins one or two students are selected to share their prayers with the class. Here are just some of the wonderful prayers the students came up with:*



## Arogya:

Dear God  
We always love you I hope you come back to the earth and we can see you again.  
Thank you for being kind to everyone.



## Elsa-Marie:

Dear Lord,  
Thank you for the food we eat, the clothes we wear and the roof over our head. Thank you for my family, friends and cousins. Please protect and give us health. Help us stay close to you and follow in your footsteps. Please heal the world.

Amen



(Thanks and Petition Prayer)

## Samuel:

Dear God,  
Thank you for all the blessing and may you continue to bless my family, good health, safe always. thank you for today, tomorrow and the future. We love you. Amen

## James:



Dear God  
I'm thankful for all you give  
For food  
For love  
A place to live  
I thank you for my family too  
And I want you to know that I love you  
Amen



## From The Principal

### Last Days of Term

I know I have said this throughout the term but as we conclude the school term like no other, **thank you to all the parents and in particular our students** for all the effort you have put into your online learning. I hope everyone takes the opportunity over the next two weeks of school holidays to have a break from screen time, get outside and enjoy playing games with your family, relaxing and enjoying life under the current conditions.

It has been wonderful during this term in seeing all the photos and videos posted on our Facebook page celebrating the gifts and talents of our students. These gifts and talents have had a good work out during the lockdown period. How wonderful it was to see children demonstrating their skills of cooking and baking, bike riding, dancing, sketching, making dioramas, completing complicated jigsaw puzzles, making murals, or decorating boxes. The gifts of painting and sculpture are well known for the benefits they have for a persons well-being as they are often a form of meditation. When you do something you enjoy, it lifts your spirits and helps you put the world in perspective.

This week and during the holidays can I encourage all children to look at doing something they really enjoy and to send in photos or videos of their gifts and talents or how they are enjoying and interacting with God's creation. Help us to share these marvellous gifts with others in our school community and to inspire them to find a hobby or fun activity

Everyone is applauding everyone  
but our children. These little heroes  
have stayed indoors more than they've ever known.  
Their world's have been turned upside down  
and they don't know why.  
All these rules they've never known.  
Not being able to see family or give hugs.  
Vacations, sports and activities, play dates  
and school canceled.  
Adults talking about others becoming unwell,  
news reporting death after death.  
Our poor children's minds must be racing.  
Every day their resilient little bodies get up  
and carry on despite all that's going on.  
So here's to our little heroes :  
today, tomorrow, forever.



## Back to School Term 4

Term 4 will commence just as we are finishing Term 3 with students still learning via remote platforms. At this point in time Term 4 will return with remote learning for all students on Wednesday 6th October.

**Face-to-face Learning will not commence until Week 4** (Monday 25th October for Kindergarten and Year 1) **ONLY** if the number of community cases of Covid-19 in the Cumberland LGA are within the required limits.

Monday 4th October- Public Holiday;

Tuesday 5th October- Staff Development Day (**NO** Onsite supervision)

**Wednesday 6th October**- onsite supervision for children of essential workers

### Community Update

- Two more families have notified the school they have tested positive for Covid-19. Children and parents have been infected so please keep these families and all our families in your prayers.
- On Saturday 4th September the Burke family featured on Channel 9 news discussing the benefits of protecting families with teenagers receive vaccinations so as a community we are all protected.



## What if instead of 'falling behind', this group of lockdown kids are actually ahead? Hear me out...

What if they have more empathy, enjoy family connection, can be more creative and entertain themselves, love to read, love to express themselves in writing?

What if they enjoy the simple things, like their own garden and sitting near a window in the quiet? What if they notice the birds and the dates the different flowers emerge, and the calming renewal of a gentle rain shower?

What if this generation are the ones to learn to cook, organise their space, do their laundry and keep a well-run home?

What if they learn to ride a bike, play a board game, do simple crafts, learn to bake, climb a tree, play without a screen?

What if they learn to understand the value of money, what's important and how to live with less? What if they learn to plan shopping trips and meals at home?

What if they learn the value of eating together as a family and finding the good to share in the small delights of the everyday?

What if they learn to just be: to be resilient, to be content?

What if they are the ones to place great value on our teachers and educational professionals, librarians, public servants and the previously invisible essential support workers?

What if, among these children, a great leader emerges who had the benefit of a slower pace and a simpler life to truly learn what really matters in this life?

## What if they are AHEAD?

Via Buckden Primary

teachwire  
YOUR LINK TO THE BEST IN EDUCATION

*God Bless and stay safe*

*Cheryl Fortini*



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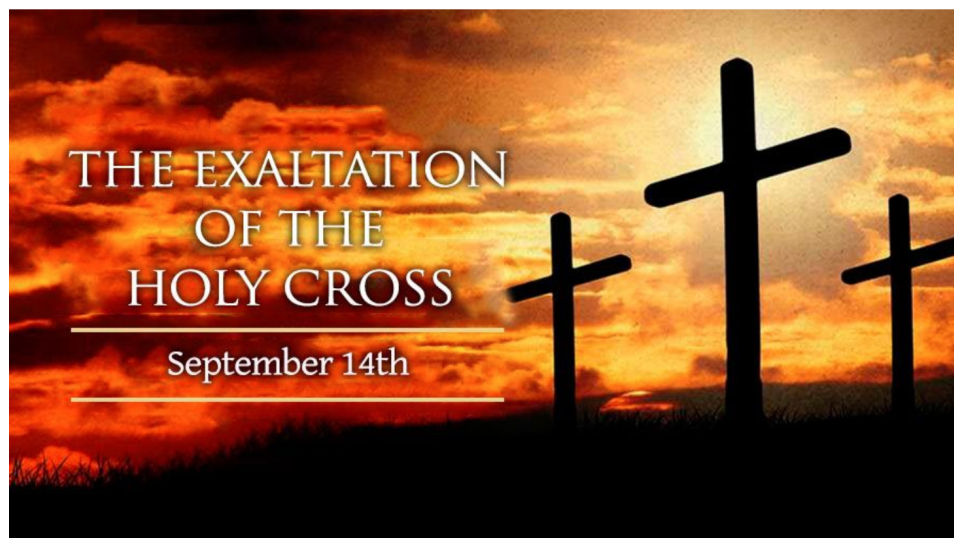
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## HOLY CROSS PARISH and HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL FEAST DAY

Holy Cross Parish, Granville was created last year on 14 September 2020 – the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross – as a result of the merger of Holy Trinity Parish, Granville and Holy Family Parish, East Granville.

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross, also called Universal Exaltation of the Holy and Life-Giving Cross or Holy Cross Day, honours the cross on which Jesus Christ was crucified, the universal symbol of the Christian faith, the cross represents Christ's victory over death.



The new parish, however, actually has a long history. The original parish, Holy Trinity, started in 1886. In 1946, the parish separated into two with the creation of Holy Family Parish. As reported on the Granville Parish website, in recent years both parishes recognised how, with a strong shared heritage and common sense of purpose, it would broaden and enliven their community to work together.

As our school is closed over Christmas, our school will adopt this feast day as our own each year. In light of this, at our next Staff Development Day - Formation Day on Tuesday 5th October, staff will take a closer look at this feast, its history and how as a school we will join with the parish to celebrate in the future.

Year 1 students working from home created artworks in response to our Parish Feast Day.



Exaltation of the Holy Cross



Exaltation of the Holy Cross



Exaltation of the Holy Cross



## SEASON OF CREATION 2021 THEME

The Season of Creation invites us to our place of '*oikos*'. Here are 5 things we need to know to understand *oikos* better.

[Video](#)



THE DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA IS  
REACHING OUT TO YOUNG PEOPLE  
TO LET YOU KNOW WE ARE  
**WITH YOU**

## LAUNCH of NEW PARRAMATTA DIOCESAN WEBSITE - WITH YOU

On Thursday of last week, Bishop Vincent via a Pastoral Letter announced the launch of the website called With You <https://parracatholic.org/withyou/> to coincide with R U Ok Day?



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The website provides a collection of new initiatives developed for young people that includes some outstanding resources that he prays will find, and grow a sense of HOPE in our young people's hearts during these challenging times. The website includes content from some wonderful organisations.

Bishop Vincent in his letter reminded our youth that there is absolutely no shame in reaching out help.

## GENERAL NOTICE REGARDING THE POSTPONEMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION FROM HOLY CROSS PARISH

The stay-at-home orders imposed by the N.S.W. Government are unlikely to be lifted before the scheduled Masses for first Holy Communion. As such, the Masses previously arranged for 9 October and 16 October will be postponed and other arrangements will be made.

Consideration is being given to alternative dates and when these are confirmed parents of the children will be notified. However, the public health restrictions that will be imposed following the lifting of the lockdown will mean that based on the one person per four square metre rule, there will be a reduced number of people allowed in the church. This will mean that the number of people allowed to attend these Masses will need to be reduced. There will also be further requirements regarding face masks and social distancing.

*When further information is made available and alternative dates are determined for first Holy Communion, the parish office will advise on the arrangements and preparations.*



*Enjoy the holiday break.  
God bless!!!*



## HOLY FAMILY PRIMARY EAST GRANVILLE

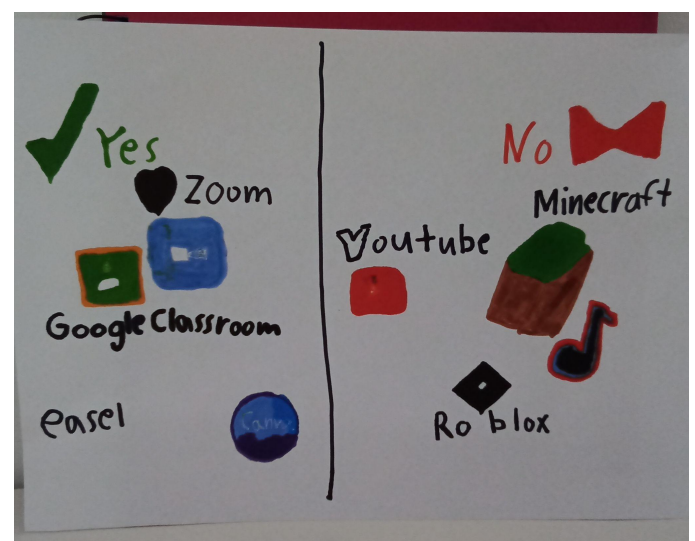
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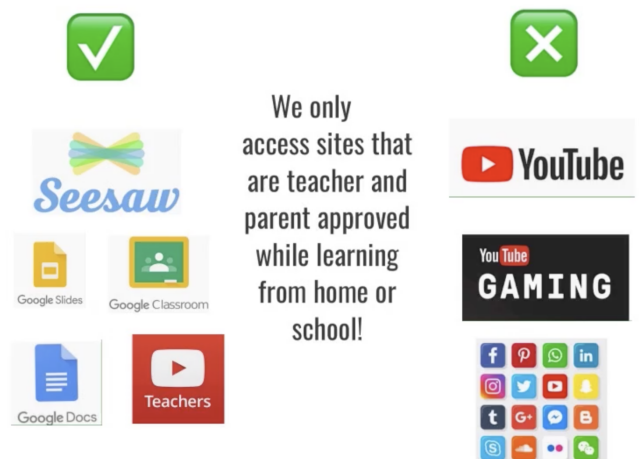
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## PBS4L!

**Last week in PBS4L we promoted using appropriate websites when working online. Our students created a range of presentations, here are some below.**



### Teacher & Parent Approved Sites Only!



**We would like to thank all the students who shared their work this term. We look forward to seeing what you produce next term. Have a wonderful and safe break!**

## INFORMATION FOR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

### COVID-19 Updates and Additional Resources

Council's priority is the health and wellbeing of our community. We provide updated COVID-19 information and resources on our website including translated materials, updates from Council and from Health NSW.

Keep up to date with the changes to our services due to public health orders, plus the latest COVID-19 news and rules. To find out more visit the Cumberland City Council [website](#)

### Supporting Communities in Need

#### Where to get emergency help

Schools can find information about local support services for students and families in need such as financial support, food relief, domestic and family violence help, overcoming isolation and more by visiting the Cumberland City Council [website](#)

#### Directory of nearby support services

Askizzy is a mobile-friendly website that connects people in crisis situations with the services they need. Using the [Askizzy website](#), people can find shelter, food, health, and other critical support services.

#### COVID-19 Community Support Exchange

Cumberland City Council is running a COVID-19 Community Support Exchange where residents who need support or individuals/organisations who would like to provide support, can fill in an online form and be referred to the most appropriate service.

For more information, please visit the Cumberland City Council [website](#)

#### Domestic and Family Violence Video Resource

Cumberland City Council works in partnership with a range of organisations to prevent Domestic and Family Violence (DFV). Resources and support services for people experiencing DFV can be found by visiting the Cumberland City Council [website](#)

Council has also developed a series of five videos on Domestic and Family Violence (DFV). The modules aim to increase understanding of how to respond to and best support someone who is experiencing DFV. The modules have been produced in simple English, Arabic, Dari, Korean, Mandarin, Simplified Chinese, and Tamil.

The modules include:

1. Understanding domestic and family violence,
2. Supporting someone experiencing domestic and family violence,
3. Understanding how children are affected by domestic and family violence,



4. Safety, reporting, the court system, and domestic violence, and
5. Support services and useful resources when dealing with domestic and family violence.

Click on the [link](#) to view these videos.

## Domestic Violence Financial Assistance Program

Australian Red Cross' Family and Domestic Violence (FDV) Financial Assistance program provides financial assistance and casework support to eligible people on temporary visas, or with uncertain visa status, experiencing family and domestic violence, and in need of financial support.

You may be eligible if you meet the following criteria:

- You *are not an Australian citizen* or permanent resident, and
- You are experiencing or at *risk of family and domestic violence*, and
- You are experiencing financial hardship.

For further information, please contact Sinthu Santhirasegaram on 0418 645 709 or by [email](#)

## Cumberland Conversations Podcast

Listen to Cumberland City Council's podcasts to find out the latest community news from Cumberland City.

You can listen for free on Spotify, Google Podcast, Apple Podcast, Anchor, or wherever you get your podcasts. Alternatively, you can listen on both the [Cumberland City Council](#) or [Have Your Say](#) websites, or simply scan the QR code to tune in.

## Living Safely Podcast

Cumberland City Council has launched a five-part community education podcast, available in six different languages. The podcast covers a range of "Living Safely" safety tips such as reporting a crime, safety out and about, protecting against scams, securing your vehicle, and securing your home.

"Living safely" is a community education podcast delivered by us in partnership with NSW Police's Cumberland and Auburn Police Area Commands and funded by the NSW Department of Communities and Justice through their Safer Communities Fund.

The podcast is available in English, Farsi, Arabic, Tamil, Cantonese, and Simplified Chinese. Download the podcast from Google, Apple, Spotify, and the Cumberland City Council [website](#)

## Community Safety and Crime Prevention Enquires

For any community safety or crime prevention related enquiries, please contact Cumberland City Council's Crime Prevention Officer by [email](#) or phone 8757 9788.



## Art Therapy Online Group for Adolescents

Uniting Counselling and Mediation, Youth and Family counselling Parramatta is hosting a free art therapy group online for adolescents aged 12-15 years in the month of October. The sessions will run across 4 weeks and uses acceptance commitment therapy and art to assist young people to understand challenging feelings and experiences.

Dates and Times: Tuesdays: 5, 12, 19, and 26 October 2021 between 3:30pm - 5:00pm.

This group will be run online via Zoom and access to a computer and internet is essential. Please contact Lucy, Annette, or Effie from Uniting on 8830 0700 to RSVP by Friday 24 September.

## Child Safe Creative Competition

Cumberland City Council invites children and young people to enter the Child Safe Creative Competition for their chance to win a \$50 gift card and have their design featured on our child safe signage. The competition opens on Sunday 5 September 2021, marking the beginning of National Child Protection Week and closes on Sunday 17 October 2021. To be eligible to enter:

- You must be under the age of 18 years
- Be a resident or current student that attends a school or education and care centre in the Cumberland City Local Government Area, and
- Complete the simple Entry Form and gain parent or guardian consent.

For more information, visit the Cumberland City Council [website](#)

## Junior Colouring Competition

As part of September Health Month, Cumberland City Council will be holding a Junior Colouring Competition for children aged 0-12 years. If you follow the steps below and submit a healthy themed colouring sheet or bookmark you will be in the chance of winning a kid's book pack valued at \$100. Council's favourite entries will also feature on Council's Library Social Media Pages. Competition entries close on Monday 4 October 2021.

Simply follow these steps to enter:

1. Download, print and colour either the [colouring sheet](#) or [bookmark](#)
2. Entries should be scanned or carefully photographed and submitted via [email](#) and ensure you include your name, age, and contact telephone number.

For more information, please visit the Cumberland City Council [website](#)



## Healthy Recipe Competition

Got a favourite healthy recipe? Why not enter Cumberland City Council's Healthy Recipe Competition for your chance to win a healthy cookbook collection valued at \$150. **Competition entries close on Monday 4 October 2021.** Our favourite recipes will also feature on our Library's social media pages. Simply [email](#) your winning recipe, including photos, your name and contact phone number.

## NSW Children's Week 2021 #Drawing My Friends Art Competition

This competition is being run by Cumberland Multicultural Community Services, Cumberland Migrant Resource Centre and CCA NSW to celebrate NSW Children's Week.

The competition is open to children between the ages of 2–18 years. The competition is divided into three sections: Juniors (aged 2-6), Intermediate (aged 7-11) and Seniors (aged 12 -17). There will be one winner and one runner up for each section.

In order to be eligible to enter the competition, the child must draw, paint, or use a modelling medium and create their art. When the art is complete, take a photo of it and either:

- Email it to [drawyourfriends@yahoo.com](mailto:drawyourfriends@yahoo.com) no later than 22 October 2021 - OR
- Post it to one the Facebook pages no later than 22 October 2021
  - [www.facebook.com/cumberlandmulticulturalcommunityservices](https://www.facebook.com/cumberlandmulticulturalcommunityservices)
  - [www.facebook.com/CCANewSouthWales](https://www.facebook.com/CCANewSouthWales)
  - [www.facebook.com/CommunityMRC/](https://www.facebook.com/CommunityMRC/)
- Make sure you add a name and age for the child entering the competition. Do not enter any other identifying information.
- Make sure you add the hashtag #DrawMyFriends

## Bush School Connections

Join Cumberland City Council's Children's Development team for some virtual fun with songs, stories, and nature play.

The philosophy of the Bush School promotes engaging in play-based experiences fostering an understanding and appreciation of the environment and sustainability through literacy. Nature play sessions are now available online to share with your children.

For more information visit the Cumberland City Council [website](#)

## Cumberland City Council Library Service

Students of all ages can join Cumberland City Council Library Service online and receive temporary membership which will give immediate access to e-Resources. This temporary membership expires in 90 days. The online registration form can be completed by visiting the Cumberland City Council [website](#)

When library services reopen, students can come into one of the libraries to upgrade their temporary membership to a full membership. Membership applications must be signed by a parent or guardian if applicant is under 18, and they will be asked to provide one current form of identification that shows their full name and current residential address.

### Student Resources

For a list of our primary school resources, including early literacy, talking picture books and coding, please visit the Cumberland City Council [website](#)

For a list of secondary school resources, including our eLibrary and online databases, please visit the Cumberland City Council [website](#)

### Health and Well-being

Cumberland City Council Libraries have partnered with Western Sydney Local Health District (WSLHD) to bring families the latest health and wellbeing information during Health Month in September.

We will be hosting free Healthy Lunchbox presentations delivered to parents of school age children about healthy snack and lunch ideas. Bookings are essential. To register please visit the Cumberland City Council [website](#)

### **Mental Health Presentation**

Cumberland City Libraries will be hosting a Mental Health Presentation via Zoom. Louise Murphy, a Senior Mental Health Nurse Practitioner, Wade, a Director of Nursing and Paul McFarlane, Chief Chaplain for NSW Ambulance will be hosting a presentation for Mental Health Week. Louise, Wade and Paul routinely support emergency workers on the frontline of COVID and provide St John teams mental health support and education. Questions are encouraged and can be asked at the session.

**Date: Tuesday 5th of October**

**Time: 19:00**

**Topic: Move from surviving to thriving despite the pandemic**

To register, email: [library.events@cumberland.nsw.gov.au](mailto:library.events@cumberland.nsw.gov.au)

## Information for Children and Young People

### **Activities for Children and Young People**

Resources for children, young people, and families for keeping healthy at home, as well as information on how to talk to children about COVID-19 can be found on the Cumberland City Council [website](#)



## Physical Activities

Get your children active at home with these fun custom videos and links to physical activities accessed by visiting the Cumberland City Council [website](#)

## Kid's Activities

Enjoy a growing range of entertaining activities for children up to 12 years of age - from Story Time to exercises and learning crafts. To find out more, visit the Cumberland City Council [website](#)

## Youth Activities

Discover a range of activities and programs available for youth. To find out more, visit the Cumberland City Council [website](#)

## Youth Gaming and Gambling

The Australian Institute of Family Studies showed that last year's COVID-19 lockdowns made gaming and gambling problems increase among young people.

In response, Council in collaboration with the Youth for Youth Group, have codesigned resources on youth gaming and gambling as part of the 'Odds on Youth' project funded by the NSW Government.

The resources include an animation on youth gaming, a video on youth gambling harm, and gambling helpline flyer and poster, available in English, Arabic and Dari. These be found on the Cumberland City Council [website](#)

Sign up to Council's [Facebook](#), [E-News](#), [LinkedIn](#) or check our [website](#) for updates.



## Staff Development Day

**The Staff Development day scheduled for Tuesday 5th October will still be going ahead.**

The decision to go ahead has been made in preference to postponing this day for later in the term when the children are scheduled to be on site as most of the children are learning from home at the moment. Children will not be expected to do any learning on this day. No supervision on site will be available.

## 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. Term 1 school fees are now overdue. Term 2 statements have been sent to your mailing address, please contact the office if you have not received it.**

**Students away or sent home due to cold or flu like symptoms must supply negative covid test results 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 classroom. Thank you for your help in keeping us all Covid safe.**



Holy Family is going '**CASHLESS**' as directed by CEDP. Thank you to all those families who have changed over to paying online or by card. Could parents ordering from **BOOK CLUB** please also start using the online instructions on the order form rather than sending cash into school with students.

Term 3 school fee statements have been sent out. You are still able to make your term 3 payment online or at a post office. If you would like to know your outstanding balance or have not received your statement please email [hali1@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:hali1@parra.catholic.edu.au).

## HFS Parent Calendar - Term 3, 2021

Week	Date	Event
5	Monday 9/8	St Mary of the Cross Feast Day Liturgy (Slideshow) Online Learning Continues
6	Monday 16/8	Online Learning Continues
7	Monday 23/8	Online Learning Continues Book Week Activities Virtually
8	Monday 30/8	
9	Friday 10/9	
10	Friday 17/9	End of Term 3

**Term 3 - Last day Friday 17th September**

**Term 4 - First day Wednesday 6th October**

