

Religious Education in Year 5

Our inquiry question for Term 3 is "How can I respond in Faith?". Throughout the term, we will focus on how Mary responded in faith to God.

Our main scripture is "The Wedding at Cana". This is a foundational scripture that teaches us to obey God's Word, move when He tells us to move and to wait when He tells us to wait. 'Devotion' and 'faith' are two keywords that will be unpacked. To begin our learning journey of obedience, devotion, faith in God and the example that Mary set in Cana; we invited Mr Bawden to speak on renewing his wedding vows in Cana. The children were able to recognise the importance of the Sacrament of Marriage and how it is a reflection of God's love for us.



After Mr Bawden's presentation, the children reflected on what they learnt and wrote their responses. Natalie said, "I learnt that a marriage ring is round because it represents God's love that is everlasting and has no beginning and never ends".



Charbel said, "You need to have a friendship with God in your marriage as well as being bestfriends with your partner".
Isabella said, "When you keep God at the centre of your marriage, your marriage is blessed".

""Akshan said, "Renewing your vows can make your relationship stronger".

From The Principal



I give thanks to you, Lord,
For the blessing of a long life
For, to those who take refuge in You,
Grant always to bear fruit.

Forgive, O Lord,
Resignation and disillusionment,
But forsake me not
When my strength declines.

Teach me to look with hope
To the future you give me,
To the mission you entrust to me
And to sing your praises without end.

Make me a tender craftsman
Of Your revolution,

To guard with love my grandchildren
And all the little ones who seek shelter in You.

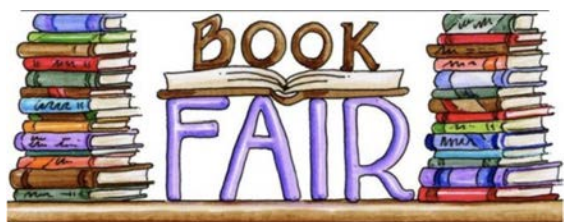
Protect, O Lord,
Pope Francis And grant Thy Church
To deliver the world from loneliness.
Direct our steps in the way of peace. Amen.

We were very disappointed at having to postpone yesterday's Grandparents Liturgy and Classroom visits but we are looking forward to holding this special event next Tuesday 2nd August at 9:30am, weather permitting. While we have access to the parish hall it wasn't feasible on this occasion as we had over 100 parents and grandparents rsvp that they were attending in addition to the students and teachers we could not guarantee a COVID safe environment, hence the reason for holding the liturgy outdoors.

Additional Upcoming Events

Parent Forum 3:30pm-4:30pm 11th August PBS4L ~ Over the past three years Holy Family school has been implementing PBS4L as a school-wide evidenced-based, organisational framework for behaviour support to enhance respectful relationships and engagement of students in their learning. It encompasses a broad range of systemic and individualised strategies and agreed practices, for achieving important social, emotional, behavioural and academic outcomes for all students.

Each fortnight a member of the PBS4L team writes about what is happening in the school including student engagement in lessons specifically designed to address a whole range of situations. We would like to invite parents to a Parent Forum on Thursday 11th August at 3:30pm. The forum will consist of guided tours through the learning spaces to see what students are learning in regards to PBS4L and then a brief talk and discussion. Further information will be sent out in the coming weeks.



Holy Family is holding a **Book Fair from the 17th August to the 24th August**. This is a fundraising event that all the family can be involved in. A Book Fair helps the hosting community to promote the love of reading both at school and at home. Students and parents will be able to come, view the selection of books and purchase if they wish. These are great opportunities to do some pre

Christmas shopping, purchasing future birthday gifts or just adding to your home collection of books to share with your children. Hope to see you there.

Celebrating Book Week

A team of enthusiastic Year 6 students and a group of teachers are busily working on preparing a range of fun and engaging activities for all members of the community to be involved in. Make sure you read Week 4s newsletter for a detailed account of activities. The theme for this year's book week is *Dreaming with Eyes Open*. What do you think of when you read this?

BELIEVE IN YOURSELF. YOU ARE A LEARNING MACHINE. WITH GOOD PRACTICE YOU CAN GET BETTER AT JUST ABOUT ANYTHING. ASK QUESTIONS. RUN EXPERIMENTS. LEARN FROM MISTAKES. ADJUST YOUR TACTICS. BE OPEN TO FEEDBACK. ALWAYS REMEMBER THAT GETTING BETTER IS NOT PRETTY. STRUGGLE AND DISCOMFORT ARE A PART OF THE PROCESS. IT'S OK TO GO SLOW. IT'S OK TO FEEL WEIRD. YOU DON'T HAVE TO MASTER A SKILL FOR IT TO MATTER. YOU JUST HAVE TO GET KINDA GOOD, WHICH CAN HAPPEN SOONER THAN YOU THINK. WE ARE ALL LEARNERS. WE'RE LEARNING ALL THE TIME. AND WE CAN ALL DO IT A LITTLE BIT MORE. SKILLS ARE BUILT, NOT BORN AND THEY ARE YOURS IF YOU EARN THEM.



Maternity Leave

This Friday will be Mrs Amanda El Hawzi's (Year 1 teacher Thursday and Friday) last day as she begins maternity leave, preparing for her new baby. We hope that the time Amanda spends with her precious one on her maternity leave, leaves a trail of memories she'll cherish forever. Congratulations and God Bless!

God Bless and stay safe

Cheryl Fortini

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GRANDPARENTS' DAY LITURGY AND LEARNING SPACE VISIT - POSTPONED

It was unfortunate that due to the weather we were unable to celebrate grandparents on the feast day of Saints Anne and Joachim, the parents of Mary and the grandparents of Jesus. The popularity of this event in our community means that we do not have the space in the hall. We therefore hope to hold this celebration next Tuesday 2nd August at 9:30am on the P2 playground.

FEAST OF ST. JOACHIM & ANNE



Each year the Church venerates the memory of Saints Anne & Joachim on July 26th.

An ancient story dating to the first centuries of the Church's life recalls how Saints Anne & Joachim prayed to God because they had no children.

Angels appeared to Saint Anne in her garden and Saint Joachim in the desert, promising that they would give birth to a special daughter, Mary, who would be known

throughout the world. Anne and Joachim ran to meet one another at Jerusalem's Golden Gate, and rejoiced in the new life which God had promised would be theirs.

Yesterday the Church celebrated Saints Anne and Joachim, the parents of Mary, and the Grandparents of Jesus. The HFS community will do this next week when we celebrate 'Grandparents' Day'.

VINNIES METROPOLITAN SCHOOLS' AND YOUTH NEWSLETTER - Term 3

Please click [here](#) to view the Vinnies Metropolitan Schools' and Youth Newsletter for Term 3. Over the holiday break I received the following from VINNIES.

*A MASSIVE congratulations on absolutely smashing your fundraising goal!
You raised over \$1,000!
So amazing!
Your school has gone above and beyond, showing great generosity at what is an extremely difficult time for so many. I can assure you that the funds will make a huge difference to the lives of the vulnerable in our local community.
Please accept the attached certificate of appreciation as a thank you from us.*

A very big thank you to all those who supported our fundraising efforts. I'd also like to thank the few Year 6 parents who I received feedback from. It was wonderful to hear that the children spoke so well about the event and the importance of our participation.



PBS4U!

What a start to the term!

All classes have re-established school expectations in their learning space. Students used a variety of ways including embodiment, poetry and other drama literacy techniques to reflect and deepen their understanding of these expectations.



Daughters and Dad's Cricket Program

Cumberland Council is offering a 9 week program connecting daughters (7-12) and dads (including father figures) as they learn about cricket.

The first session is a dads-only education session covering all key content, including information on the unique and powerful influence of fathers, engaging, and coaching their daughters in cricket and positive parenting strategies.

Dads also learn about the culture of gender prejudice 'pinkification' that exists in many aspects of their daughters' lives and how they can become gender equity advocates and improve their daughters' confidence to play. Daughters and dads (including Father figures) then attend 8 x 90 minute weekly themed sessions, which are made up of 30 minutes of education and 60 minutes of practical activity.

Education sessions focus on developing daughters' understanding of cricket, building daughters' key social and emotional skills such as, resilience, persistence, self-control and bravery, and enhancing the father-daughter bond

The practical sessions focus on three key areas - rough and tumble fielding, batting and bowling skill development, and modified cricket games. The home program provides further opportunities to reinforce content and practice cricket skills at home.

This program will be held at Girraween High School from 5:30-7pm and the cost \$130 per family, however if families use their Active Kids vouchers this subsidises the cost to just \$30 which over the 9 weeks is \$3.33 per session. I know it may be confusing that this program is being held at a high school. Girraween High school have a dedicated indoor sports hall that has everything we need and I don't have to worry about rain ruining the momentum of the program.

For additional information including the registrations links please visit the schools portal [link](#) here





Life Education Van

We are fortunate to have the Life Education Van visit us this week. Each class will be timetabled to visit over the week. Life Ed is Australia's largest preventive health organisation empowering children to make safer and healthier choices so they can live happier lives. The Life Education website has a collection of quality free material designed to help out parents & carers at home. These can be found at:

<https://lifeed.org.au/families/resources-for-parents-carers/>





We congratulate **Week 1 Term 3** Student of the Week Award recipients:

Kindergarten	Bishan Barhakoti	Ellie Wu
Year 1	Sekola Fangupo	Ava Houshmand
Year 2	Azalea Maskey	Timoci Visei
Year 3	Liana El Katrib	Siupeli Fatetau
Year 4	Stefan Rose	Anthony El Boutty
Year 5	Sebastian Ghosn	Charbel Dib
Year 6	Jason Chen	Leah El-Chidiac

HFS Parent Calendar - Term 3, 2022

Week	Date	Event
2	26/07	Life Education Van at Holy Family
		Grandparents Day 9:30 (Postponed)
	28/07	Kindy Excursion Taronga Zoo
3	2/08	Grandparents Day 9:30
4	11/08	Parent Forum (3:30-4:30) Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBS4L)
5	17/08	Book Fair Fundraiser
	19/08	Zone Athletics Carnival
6	22/08	Book Week commences
7	01/09	Father's Day Stall
	02/09	Diocesan Athletics Carnival
		Father's Day Liturgy
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9	14/09	Feast of the Holy Cross Celebration
	15/09	Infants Celebration of Learning
	16/09	Staff Development Day
10	22/09	Primary Celebration of Learning

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 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 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 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 **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.

FEEDBACK and COMPLAINTS

Holy Family, East Granville staff always welcome feedback and ideas from the parent community. If you have any feedback, concerns or complaints please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher, Mr Bawden (behaviour) or Mrs Fortini through the school office (86338200), school email address HolyFamilyEGranville@parra.catholic.edu.au, or through Skoolbag App.

The school follows the CEDP Complaints Handling Policy.