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Religious Education

This term, Kindergarten students have been looking at the story of Creation. We explored the different things that God has created and why we should care for God's Creation. Kindergarten has learnt that Creation is a gift and like any gift, we need to show our thanks and look after it.

To show our thanks, Kindergarten have created prayers of thanksgiving. Below are some pictures of the students' prayers.





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From The Principal

Winter Sleep Out & Pyjama Day

On a chilly Friday evening two weeks ago a large number of our Year 6 student leaders and staff chose to come together to gather a better understanding of the plight of the many homeless people in our community. Fr Andrew came and led us in prayer, praying for all those in our community suffering hardship and for us to act in love, compassion and empathy.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our community for your generosity in sponsoring our Year 6 students for their efforts in this event and also for supporting the Pyjama Day last Friday. The total raised in support of this year's St Vincent de Paul's Winter Appeal is stated later in the newsletter.

Reports & Interviews

By now you would have received your child's Semester One report, sent home last Friday. Thank you to all the parents who have organised and have already attended a Parent/Teacher Interview with your child's teacher. If you did not read the communications regarding the Parent/Teacher Interviews, I urge you to contact the school office and organise a meeting or phone interview in the near future. These are a great way of personally connecting with your child's teacher and working in partnership to set learning goals for your child.

National NAIDOC Week celebrations

Each year, National NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia in the first week of July to celebrate and recognise the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC Week is an opportunity for all Australians to learn about First Nations cultures and histories and participate in celebrations of the oldest, continuous living cultures on earth. NAIDOC Week falls in the school holidays (**3-10 July 2022**)

This year's theme is Get Up! Stand Up! Show Up!

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Getting Up, Standing Up and Showing Up can take many forms. The relationship between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and non-Indigenous Australians must be based on justice, equity and the proper recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' rights.

This year's theme is a call for all Australians to Get Up! Stand Up! Show Up! with First Nations people to amplify their voices and narrow the gap between aspiration and reality.

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Staff Development Day

At Holy Family we will begin Term 3 with a Staff Development Day. Staff will be continuing their inquiry of the Learning Disposition Wheel and planning opportunities for the students to take greater ownership of their learning and recognise themselves as learners. Therefore the students first day of school for Term 3 will be Tuesday 19th July.

As this is our final newsletter for Term 2 I would like to thank all parents and carers for your continued support of our school community. I hope you have a safe and happy holiday, enjoy your time spent with your children having fun and just enjoying each other's company.

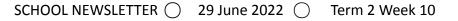
God Bless and stay safe **Cheryl Fortini**

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THE FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS Friday 24th June

In Christian Scriptures Jesus is presented as a man of heart and, as his life and ministry unfolded, he is presented as compassion personified. God is love and Jesus is love incarnate; his life exemplifies what it is to be on earth the heart of God.

One of the classic texts of Jesus' life giving love for us comes from John's Gospel: 'One of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear and at once blood and water came out.' (Jn 19.34)



The blood and water flowing from the side of Jesus (his life source) has come to symbolise Jesus, in an ultimate sense, giving his whole self to us, that is, opening the riches of his heart for us. The wounded side gives us open access to the heart as it were. When we gaze on the one whom they have pierced we see not just Jesus in the last moments of his life; we see rather his whole life, we recall how he poured himself out, compassionately reaching out to everyone, especially those most in need of his embrace.

VINNIES WINTER APPEAL

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In the last few weeks our HFS FIAT (Faith In Action Team) have organised two fundraising events to support this worthy cause.

The Winter appeal highlights the support that Vinnies provides, especially during these colder months, and how the work conducted by dedicated volunteers and members is vital in assisting those people who require help in times of desperate need.

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Our Year 6 Winter Sleepout and K-6 Pyjama Day were both well supported. To date, HFS has raised over \$1000.

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Donations can still be made via the QR code.







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Raised \$1,153.25 For St Vincent de Paul Society NSW

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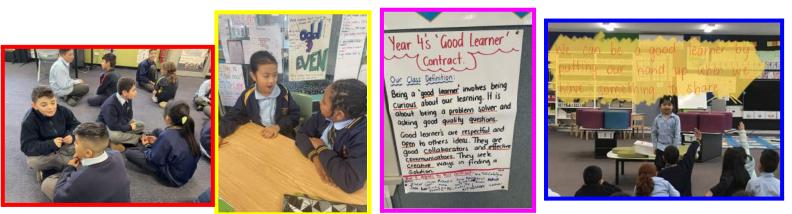
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PBS4L!

Over the last week, students have been identifying what makes a good learner in a range of settings. They have been making the connection to the learning wheel and reflecting on their strengths and improvements. Students were asked to discuss, co-construct and practice what a learner looks like, sounds like and feels like in the classroom.





This great learning has been reflected in student behaviour, as last week they reached their final goal of 800 whole school stamps. Our students will be having their final reward of student Movie choice this Wednesday. This on top of their recent craft afternoon-WOW what an achievement this term!





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We congratulate Week 8 Term 2 Student of the Week Award recipients:



Kindergarten	Arianna katrib	George Kaivelata
Year 1	Olivia Yu	Vicas He
Year 2	Natalie El Jer	Anthony Bitar
Year 3	Stella Faletau	Yihan Lu
Year 4	Marcus Senesi	Charli Paleologos
Year 5	Mel Isaac Palisoc	Danny Awad
Year 6	Anushka Raya	Joel Lum





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And our Week 9 Term 2 Student of the Week Award recipients:

Kindergarten	Andy Chen	Xin Yao Lin
Year 1	Elijah Khouri	Sekola Fangupo
Year 2	Timoci Visei	Bennet Adhikari
Year 3	Katherine Chen	Maroun Dib
Year 4	Victoria Manolis	Joey Helou
Year 5	Gabriel Isaac	Etan Anwar
Year 6	Thelma Pearce	Jayden Nakhoul

STEM Mad 2022







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Pictured: Joel Lum, Brandon Commodore, Gethyn Griffiths, Owen Mao, Mary Kpaka, Anushka Raya, Trisha Kumar, Krista Kumar (absent - Emilia Lum)

This year, Holy Family participated in the 2022 STEM Mad Showcase. The theme was to Make a Difference and we are so proud of the efforts these children made. Our STEM Mad participants spent their lunch times creating two amazing inventions; The Buk Buk Owl Bin and the Focus Watch.

On Wednesday 22nd June, we were invited to an online Zoom Showcase where we were able to share our creation with other schools in the diocese, as well as see what they have created.

These students have decided to stay on as STEM Mentors for the students to come.

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Keep an eye out parents - more news coming in Term 3! Miss Josie Lianos LTST

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	HFS Parent Calendar - Term 2, 2022			
W k	Date	Event		
10	27/6 - 29/6	Parent Teacher Interviews		
10	1/7	End of Term 2		
1	18/7	Staff Development Day		
1	19/7	Students Return To School		

<u>Absentee Note System -</u> 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.

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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.



The staff have arranged some amazing school holiday program opportunities for the community. Please see the information below to pass onto families

Libraries

NAIDOC – Chris Tobin Indigenous Demonstration at Merrylands Library

Tuesday 5 July from 2.30pm - 3.30pm (Children)

Uncle Chris, a Darug Elder will be presenting for children and their families. Come along and experience traditional Darug culture and take part in an activity with Uncle Chris. Chris Tobin is a researcher, educator and artist and will share with you and your child/ren some traditional activities practiced in Darug culture. One of these is paint-making from natural ochres.

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Come along and be immersed in a traditional Darug cultural experience.

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NAIDOC – Family Storytime at Auburn Library (with suitable craft)

Wednesday 6 July, 11am - 12pm (Children).

NAIDOC – Family Storytime at Merrylands Library (with suitable craft) Wednesday 13 July, 11am - 12pm (Children).

Winter Wonderland Trivia on Zoom

Friday 8 July, 3pm-4pm (Children with their Families).

Winter Wonderland

Take home school holiday craft – available at branches all through the holidays.

Bookings are essential for all face-to-face activities, and bookings will open shortly. Please continue checking Library Social Media in the mean time:

- Facebook
- Instagram

Community School Holiday Program

Cumberland City Council is running free school holiday activities during the July 2022 school holidays, please pass the below details on to parents.

Looking for something to do with your kids and young people during the holidays?

Cumberland City Council is running community school holiday programs at Council facilities across the Local Government Area. Activities such as Jack Attack lawn bowls, NRL, Soccer and Indigenous games will be run in suburbs across Cumberland City!

To maintain Covid safety, all programs will require registrations and participants will be capped. Follow the link to the <u>what's on</u> webpage to find out more!

Registrations Open: 7pm, Monday 27 June 2022

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Vacation Care

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If you're after holiday or vacation care our local centres are running school holiday care and activities from Monday 4 July to Friday 15 July, <u>check out centre locations and activity timetables</u>.

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