

## Religious Education

Year 1 have spent the term investigating what it means to live, love and learn in both their home and school environments. The children have explored different ideas such as who loves them, how they can show love to those they interact with and what behaviours and attitudes they can adopt to ensure they are living a positive and fulfilling life.

Through scripture Year 1 learnt about how *Jesus lived, loved and learned*. During their lessons the class agreed on all the ways they can live Jesus' commandment to, 'Love one another as I have loved you'. Every learner in Year 1 will be creating their own *live, love and learn* commandment badges, promoting what they believe is a great way to live like Jesus did.

Our students will be wearing their badges all week, which created a lot of talk among staff and students. Teachers and students of HFS asked Year 1 students to explain what their commandment was about. As you can see they were eager to

share the meaning behind their commandment!

Be sure to ask your child what their commandment is all about!!!!!!



Have a blessed week!  
Year 1 learners and class teachers.



## From The Principal

### *Journeying Through Holy Week* (By Fr Nicholas Okafor)

***What is Holy Week? What makes Holy Week different from other weeks of the Church's year?***



Holy Week is the week leading up to Easter Sunday. It is the last week of the 40-day season of Lent. It is considered the most holy and most important of all the weeks in the Church's liturgical calendar because it is in this week that we focus on the last week of Christ's life, remembering especially His passion, death and resurrection which brings salvation to humanity.

This week is the source and summit of our Christian faith. It is the "Week of weeks". It is the week we celebrate our redemption, our movement from slavery to freedom.

Holy Week begins with Passion or Palm Sunday which recalls the triumphant entry of Jesus Christ into the city of Jerusalem. This day takes its name from the fact that as Jesus approached Jerusalem on a donkey in fulfillment of Zechariah 9:9, the huge crowd that followed Him carried palm branches as they praised Him as "Son of David".

It's quite interesting how the scene of the Lord's triumphant entry changed into the scene of crucifixion on Good Friday and the very mouth that was shouting "Hosanna, Hosanna" to the "Son of David" started shouting "Crucify Him, Crucify Him". This brings us to the Triduum. "Triduum" is a Latin word for "three". It is the last three days of Lent: Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday.

It begins with the Holy Thursday or Maundy Thursday – the name "Maundy" comes from the words of Jesus, "Mandatum novum", a new commandment. This new commandment of Jesus is "Love one another as I have loved you" (John 13:34). On this day the Church commemorates the events in the upper room the night before Jesus died where Jesus washed the feet of His disciples and instituted the sacraments of the Holy Eucharist and Holy Orders. On Holy Thursday Jesus gave us an example of how to live a life of service.

After this, Jesus went into the Garden of Gethsemane to pray. Then He was arrested by the soldiers.

On Good Friday the Church recalls the day when Christ died on the cross to redeem sinful humanity. If Good Friday is the day on which Jesus Christ was crucified, what is "good" about it?

That question puzzles not only children but many adults as well.

It is called Good Friday because it was the Friday that changed the history of humanity. On this day, Christ reconciles humanity to God and healed the wounded relationship between God and humanity that was wounded by the sin of our first parents Adam and Eve. From this day, humanity becomes a new creation and all things become new in Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17). Good Friday is a consolation to all who suffer from various problems. It is a consolation to them because looking up to Christ on the cross and meditating on his excruciating passion and death they are reminded that they are not alone in their suffering.

On Holy Saturday, there is no daytime celebration of Eucharist (Mass). It is a day when we contemplate Christ in the tomb and prepare for the Easter vigil.

Easter Vigil Mass reminds us of the centre and high point of our Christian faith, the resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is the "Night of nights" when we celebrate the moving into glory of Jesus Christ, the victory and triumph of good over evil, of love over hate, of light over darkness and all the powers of destruction, of peace and tranquility over war and acrimony, of unity over division, and of life over death. On this day, our Christian faith and hope is reassured because "if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and our faith has been in vain" (1 Corinthians 15:14).

As we journey with Christ during Holy Week, let us contemplate on how best it is to live our Christian vocation, hoping that on the last day we might resurrect with Christ who is the sure hope of our Christian faith.

Let us journey together with Christ.

## *Farewell*

Sadly I have to inform the school community that Miss Madlin Saidi, one of our amazing Year 1 teachers, who only joined our community at the beginning of 2022, has tendered her resignation and her final day of employment at Holy Family was yesterday. Miss Saidi has decided to pursue other avenues to further her teaching career.



I would like to take this opportunity to thank Miss Saidi for all her work, planning and the dedication she has demonstrated in teaching your children over the past 10 weeks. She will be sadly missed. We wish her every success in her future endeavours.

## *School arrival & dismissal*

In previous newsletters I have shared with you the importance of attendance everyday at school, this also includes the importance of being present at school for the entire day. Over the last few weeks there has been an alarming increase in the number of children either arriving late to school or leaving early without a legitimate reason. Parents are responsible for getting their children to school on time and picking them up on time at the end of the school day. School commences at 8:50am and concludes at 3:10pm each day.



## Did you know

Your child's best learning time is the start of the school day just a little bit late doesn't seem much but

He/she just missing,	That equals ..	Which is ...	and over 13 years of schooling that's ...
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1.5 weeks per year	Nearly half a year
20 minutes per day	1 hour 40mins per week	Over 2.5 weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
Half an hour per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 and a half years
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Over 2 and a half years

## Executive Directors Summer Reading Challenge

At the end of each year Mr Greg Whitby invites all students across the diocese to participate in the *Executive Directors Summer Reading Challenge*. This year's competition was very well received with over 9,000 entries by our 80 schools. This is double the number of entries received the previous year.

Amongst this number were some of our students. Congratulations to Isabella Bazeviski from Year 5 who won a Runner Up Prize including a \$30 Ultimate Teen Gift Card. Congratulations to the following students who received Participation Certificates:

Alannah Feher- Hegerty, Akshan Maskey, Xavier Kurdi, Olivia Katrib, Cindy Chen, Bennett Adhikari, Shivam Ram, Zoe Yacoub and Gabriella Yacoub.



## Staff Development Day & Start of Term 2

The first day of Term 2, Tuesday 26th April is a **Staff Development Day**. This is a pupil free day. The teachers will be engaged in Exploring Mathematical Sequences of Connected, Cumulative and Challenging Tasks in numeracy. We will be working alongside CEDP colleagues on this researched based approach to teaching mathematics.

**The first day of Term 2 for students will be Wednesday 27th April.**

## Notice to Parents/Carers

The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) collects data from schools to determine the Index of Community Socio-educational Advantage (ICSEA). The type of data collected includes student birth date, grade and gender, parent/carers and student main language, and parent/carers occupation group. Data collected is de-identified of personal information.

As part of its compliance requirements, Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta (CEDP) is currently working to provide relevant details to the Catholic Education Commission of NSW.

If you do not want your child's data included in this report, please advise the school by **Thursday 28 April 2022**



## Thank You!

A huge thank you to all our families who have supported our 2022 Easter Raffle through your generous donations of eggs, baskets & decorations. We were able to create 47 fantastic baskets to raffle off.

I understand that the use of the QKR app has been a challenge for some of our families but I really appreciate the effort of all families who sold raffle tickets and used the app. Currently the amount from the raffle is \$1960.00.

Happy & safe holidays.

**God Bless and stay safe**  
**Cheryl Fortini**



## REC

### HARMONY DAY

What a wonderful sight it was to see so many of our students, dressed in either their cultural costumes, colours of their cultural background or the colour orange that is the colour aligned with this important day.

The FIAT (Faith In Action Team) led our community in prayer before all of the community shared in a picnic. I personally was introduced to some foods I have never tried before. It was wonderful that we were able to extend an invitation to our families and friends to join us.



Some photos from the event.



### PROJECT COMPASSION FUNDRAISING

Great news!!! We are over halfway to reaching our target of \$500.

**Our thermometer sees us currently sitting at just under \$260.**

With only two weeks left to make your donations I urge you to support this worthy cause.

The web address to make your donation to 'Project Compassion' is as follows;

<https://fundraise.projectcompassion.org.au/holyfamilyprimaryschoolgranvilleeast>



## HFS FUNDRAISING for FLOOD VICTIMS - MUFTI DAY

Thank you so much for your donation to the victims of the recent floods. HFS community raised \$695.00 to this worthy cause. If each school in the diocese contributed this much a wonderful total will be reached. When this information comes through from CEDP, I will be sure to communicate the total diocesan donation.

## ANNOUNCEMENT FROM HOLY CROSS PARISH



### 2nd Notice Sacrament of Confirmation

The rite for the Sacrament of Confirmation will be held at Holy Family Church on Thursday, 28 July at 7:00 p.m.

To be eligible to enrol for the Sacrament of Confirmation in Holy Cross Parish, you should attend Mass each week in the parish, your child must be in year 5 or year 6, have been baptised in the Roman Catholic Church (not Maronite or other Eastern Church) and have received their first Holy Communion (according to the tradition of the Eastern Catholic Churches, such as the Maronite Church, Confirmation or Chrismation is administered by a Priest at the time of Baptism. If your child was baptised in an Eastern Catholic Church, such as the Maronite Church, then your child would have received the Sacrament of Confirmation at that time).

Enrolment forms are available from Fr. Andrew after each Mass in the parish. The enrolment form will need to be completed and returned (with the Baptism certificate) directly to Fr. Andrew after a weekday or weekend Mass by Sunday, 10 April.

### To Enrol Your Child for the Sacrament of Confirmation

1. Attend Holy Mass at Holy Family Church or Holy Trinity Church and collect an enrolment form after Mass.
2. Complete the enrolment form and attach the Baptism certificate.
3. Return the enrolment form to Fr. Andrew at Holy Mass at Holy Family Church or Holy Trinity Church by Sunday, 10 April.



## YOU'RE INVITED



This year, HFS will conduct a HOLY WEEK WALK on Tuesday, Week 11 (5th April).. Each grade has contributed to a 5 minute experience that each grade will move through that revisits each of the events of Holy Week. The walk is expected to take about **40 minutes**. ***An invitation with return slip will be sent out in week 10 for you to advise the grade/s you will be journeying with.***

The stations are as follows:

Palm Sunday, The Last Supper, The Agony in the Garden, The Trial of Jesus, The Crucifixion and The Burial of Jesus

*The Resurrection scene will be when we return in Term 2 after Easter.*

### TIMES EACH GRADE WILL BEGIN THE WALK AT SCENE 1

KINDERGARTEN	9:10 - 9:50am
YEAR 1	9:30 - 10:10am
YEAR 4	9:50 - 10:30am
YEAR 6	10:10 - 10:50am
YEAR 5	11:40 - 12:20pm
YEAR 3	12:00 - 12:40pm
YEAR 2	12:20 - 1:00pm



## PBS4U!

Our students this term exceeded all expectations and have received over 600 whole school stamps. This means more fun activities to reward our students for their hard work. Last week students participated in a free choice afternoon which saw them engage in fun activities with their peers and teachers.



Keep an eye on our Facebook page to see more photos this week and next to celebrate

more great achievements from our students. They have had a great start to the school year and these next coming terms will surely bring more.

## DELANY LEARNING DAY

Last Wednesday Year 6 were invited for an exciting and engaging opportunity at Delany College. They participated in planned experiences, worked alongside Delany teachers and Principal and had a taste of what high school may well be like for them next year. We thank the Principal Mrs Shauna Nash and the teachers for extending a warm welcome to our students and for a well planned, wonderful day.





We congratulate **Week 8 Term 1** Student of the Week Award recipients:

Kindergarten	Aaliyah Bushara	Kenai Taulaga
Year 1	Aliyah Lutton	Nicholas Issac
Year 2	Mafi Ealelei	Niki Chen
Year 3	Zac El-Khoury	Liana El Katrib
Year 4	Amen Tewelde	Petra Fonua
Year 5	Jonathon El-Khoury	Nicholas Achi
Year 6	Nabil Nassar	Mimsa Limbu-Walung





And our **Week 9 Term 1** Student of the Week Award recipients:

Kindergarten	Brianna Adhikari	Zara Johnny
Year 1	Masellina Ulavalu	Hannah Evelyne
Year 2	Angel Kovaleff	Isabella Nakhoul
Year 3	Lucase Zheng	Oscar He
Year 4	Gavin Matro	Joanna Lin
Year 5	Solomone Lemoto	Xavier Kurdi
Year 6	Abby Lagivola	Selemarie Anjoul





## HFS Parent Calendar - Term 1, 2022

W k	Date	Event
11	Tuesday 5/4	Holy Week Walk (see schedule above)
	Friday 8/4	Last Day of Term 1

## HFS Parent Calendar - Term 2, 2022

1	Monday 25/4	Anzac Day Public Holiday
	Tuesday 26/4	Staff Development Day
	Wednesday 27/4	Students Return for Term 2 9am Anzac Prayer Liturgy



CUMBERLAND CITY COUNCIL

**Friday 1 April**  
**Saturday 2 April**

# LIDCOMBE @NIGHT

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### What's on

Bring your family and friends to Lidcombe and enjoy a bite from trending Sydney food trucks and a free outdoor cinema between 6:30pm - 10:30pm.

**MOVIE SESSION TIMES**

**Friday 1 April**  
**Dumbo**  
 6:40pm  
**Crouching Tiger Hidden Dragon**  
 8:35pm

**Saturday 2 April**  
**Muppets Most Wanted**  
 6:35pm  
**Spiderman: Into the Spider-Verse**  
 8:25pm

**Remembrance Park, Lidcombe**



## HOLY FAMILY PRIMARY

### OPEN DAYS

7 March 9:00am-10:00am

9 March 11:30am-12:30pm

15, 21 & 25 March 9:30am-10:30am

17 & 30 March 2:00pm-3:00pm

1 April 2:00pm-3:00pm



Scan QR code  
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your interest

## Enrolling Now for Kindy 2023

199 The Trongate, East Granville 8633 8200 [www.hfgranville.catholic.edu.au](http://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 M 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 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](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.

## 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](mailto:HolyFamilyEGranville@parra.catholic.edu.au), or through Skoolbag App. The school follows the CEDP Complaints Handling Policy.