

Religious Education



Welcome back to the 2022 school year.

TEACHING AND LEARNING

In Years 1 - 6, students at HFS in Term 1 will all use the overarching question, *'How do we live, love and learn?'* as a stimulus for the learning inquiry.

Students will make links to PBS4L when they are looking at this from a world viewpoint. As the inquiry narrows to a deep religious focus, students will explore who our greatest role model is, for how we should *'live, love and learn'*, Jesus. Students will then apply their learning back in the real world.

Each inquiry will cover outcomes from 'Sharing Our Story' document under the following headings:

God	Jesus	Church	Scripture	Christian Life	Prayer
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Our learners will use scripture to make meaning of the inquiry using 'The Three Senses' - Literal, Spiritual and Application.

1. **Literal Sense** - To understand the Literal Sense we need to understand the information presented 'on the page'.
2. **Spiritual Sense** - To understand the Spiritual Sense of a piece of scripture we need to see between the lines and discern a deeper meaning and make connections with Catholic teaching, practice and tradition.
3. **Application** - The Application Sense is pondering how the Literal and Spiritual Sense applies to your life. What does the Scripture call me to do and to reflect on ways that I will love God and my neighbour today and in the weeks ahead.

Grades will share their learning inquiries in RE in upcoming newsletters.

We are looking forward to 2022, where our focus for each learner is....



From The Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the 2022 school year. I hope you had the chance for a relaxing summer break with family and friends and managed to stay cool during the recent hot weather.

Through the challenges of 2021 I believe that we were highly successful as a school community which made for an even stronger connection between home and school. Many of the lessons learnt in 2021 will continue to be needed in 2022 so that we remain safe and open! If we do ever have to move to remote learning, we will be better prepared to deal with this situation.... hopefully this does not occur!

Even though Covid restrictions have eased to a certain extent, there are still some measures in place for the continued safety for all of our Holy Family Community.

We have been informed that parents are still unable to be on the school site for at least the first four weeks of Term 1. To keep safe we still have certain procedures in place, including:

- Social distancing of 1.5 m must be strictly adhered to.
- Parents can attend pre-organised formal meetings/interviews with school staff. When arriving for such meetings, parents must come via the front office and QR in.
- Maximum of 2 parents in the office foyer at any one time. Please wait outside, maintaining social distance until you can see a visitor leave so you can enter.
- Please leave your child at the gate each morning, they will be greeted by a teacher and move onto the playground after hand sanitizing.
- Parents to follow the directions of staff at afternoon dismissal.

School gates are open at 8:15am

School finishes at 3.10pm for all students.

Welcome New Staff and Students

Each year brings positive change. This includes a few additions to our staff. We are delighted to welcome Miss Claire Nicholas who will work alongside Mrs Kristina Abi Rizk in Kindergarten this year. They bring a solid skill set and a gentle, sensitive approach to meeting children's learning needs. We are fortunate to welcome Miss Madlin Saidi to our full time staff joining the Year 1 team. We are delighted to welcome Sarina Yako to our community, Sarina is familiar with our community working as a casual in 2021. Sarina enthusiastically joins the Year 2 team. Welcome Ms Tereza Mihovilcevic who is our new School Support Officer in the front office. Tereza has had previous experience working in Catholic schools and is looking forward to getting to know all the members of our Holy Family community. We also welcome back Mrs Rita Atileh working with students Kindergarten

to Year 6 three days a week as the Creative Arts Teacher. Also returning from leave we welcome back Mrs Bratby who will be working one day a week. Also new to our community is Mr Arshia Baseri, our new IT Trainee. Ash will be at Holy Family school two days a week. We are truly blessed to have such an enthusiastic group of educators join our community.

We are also lucky to welcome many new families and students to our community. I am certain all existing families will extend the hand of friendship to our new families helping them settle smoothly into life as part of the Holy Family School community.



Ms Tereza Mihovilcevic



Miss Claire Nicholas



Miss Madlin Saidi



Miss Sarina Yako



Mr Arshia Baseri

Rapid Antigen Tests

The government supplied RATs were supplied to those parents who attended one of the two distribution sessions on Monday 31st January. Once student's returned yesterday, Tuesday 1st February, we sent home RATs in sealed envelopes for those who were unable to pick them up on Monday.

It is recommended that students and staff test twice a week. This week it would be Tuesday and Thursday. Next week Monday & Wednesday.

If positive please contact NSW Health and the school immediately. If your children display any flu like symptoms please keep them home and monitor their symptoms.

Attendance: The Silent blocker of learning Success



Over the years the school has informed parents about the need to ensure your child is at school every day unless sick. Regular school attendance encourages continuous learning and success both socially and academically.

The average CEDP attendance rate across other schools is 90%. This year we will continue to monitor and advertise grade attendance rates. Although the school has made significant changes to improve the quality of teaching and learning and are working with students to improve individual learning, some students are away regularly which unravels the positive learning opportunities that are available to all students. **In short, interrupted learning reduces the opportunity to learn.** Yes COVID-19 has had an impact but in Term 4 2021 we recorded the best attendance rates for the past four years. We wish to continue this growth in 2022.

Parents have full control over this. Parents need to ensure that your children are at school on time, everyday unless they are sick. With technology today, I can run reports on all students and identify patterns of absences for that student.

I encourage parents to please schedule holidays during school vacation times. A lengthy absence from school will disrupt the flow of learning. If you are

experiencing difficulty getting your child to school, please contact the school for assistance. We are here to work as a team to encourage a positive mindset about school.

My question to you:

- ★ What kind of message are you sending your child if you allow your child to stay at home for no other reason than they want to?
- ★ What will this look like when they are in high school?
- ★ How behind will they be compared to their friends as a result of high rates of school absences?

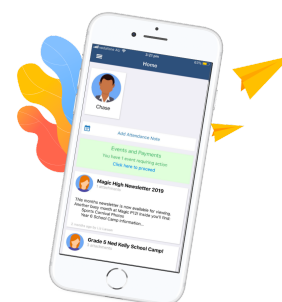
Parents you have the power to change this!

God Bless and stay safe
Cheryl Fortini

Compass Parent Portal will become our primary parent communication tool for day-to-day operational matters, upcoming events, notices and notifications so it is essential that all parents download the app.

It is more important than ever that we are able to communicate effectively, especially when it involves the safety of our children. If you haven't already, we ask that parents download the Compass app onto your device for either Apple or Android.

Compass is a web-based system allowing you to access up-to-date and meaningful information about our school and your child's progress. Compass includes many different features, including the ability to:



- Be informed of important updates, events and reminders
- View your child's timetable
- Review your child's attendance
- Provide explanations for periods of absence
- Update your contact details
- Book Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences.

Compass is accessible on any modern web browser (Internet Explorer, Firefox, Chrome, Safari) or by using the Compass iOS or Android apps.

HOW TO INSTALL OUR COMPASS APP



For iPhone and iPad users

Click on the "Download on the App Store" button above, or go to the Apple App Store, search for "Compass School Manager" and download the free Compass app. Search for Holy Family East Granville and you're ready to go!



For Google Android Users

Click on the “Get it on Google play” button above, or go to the Google Play Store, search for “Compass School Manager” and download the free Compass app. Search for Holy Family East Granville and you’re ready to go!

Alternatively, if you are having trouble finding the Compass link you can go to <http://schools.compass.edu.au> where you can search for and find our school’s direct URL.

Parents will have received a username and password via compass email. If you don't have this please check your spam email or email holyfamilyegranville@parra.catholic.edu.au. If you are having any problems please contact the office.

HOW TO USE COMPASS

Parent Guides

Compass is a web-based student management system which you can access in two ways:

- the Parent Portal, on any web browser on your computer/device, or
- the Compass School Manager app, available on any mobile device.

Instructions for using both the portal and the app are included below.

Click here - [Compass Parent Guide](#)

Access the Portal



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SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

A notice from the parish has been sent to those enrolled for first Holy Communion that the **preparation** for the first Holy Communion Masses will be:

Thursday, 17 February at 6:00 p.m. at Holy Family Church (for those enrolled for 19 February at Holy Family Church at 12:00 p.m.)

Thursday, 24 February at 6:00 p.m. at Holy Trinity Church (for those enrolled for 26 February at Holy Trinity Church for 12:00 p.m.)



Following these, there will be time available for those who wish to make their first confession.

Details for the Sacrament of Confirmation and for first Holy Communion (for those enrolling this year) will be made available in the next few weeks, once confirmed.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAYS - TERM 1 2022

Last Friday and Monday of this week during the professional learning days, staff began the day in prayer. Our theme for prayer was **'Making a Difference'**. As teachers we realise the critical role we play in the lives of your children. Our goal is to support and encourage our learners to be the best they can be.

Our community of teachers joined together for the closing prayer:



*Help us Lord, to use the talents you have given each of us.
Help us bring them to our school community,
so that we work to 'make a difference' in the lives of our students.
May everyone in this school feel welcomed and valued.
May all we do and learn be in your service, and in the service of love.
Let us remember our school motto in everything we do,
In Christ we live, love and learn.
Amen.*



HOLY FAMILY PRIMARY EAST GRANVILLE

Enrolling now

for 2022

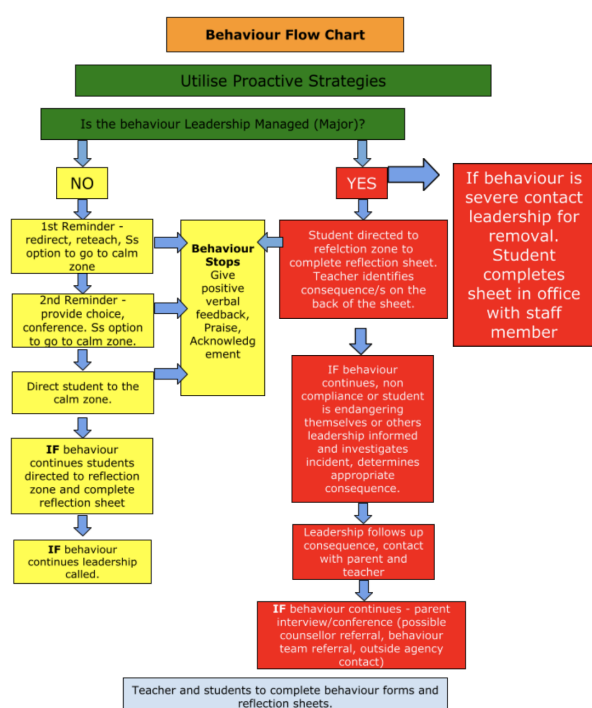
199 The Trongate, East Granville
8633 8200 Register at
www.hfgranville.catholic.edu.au

PBS4U!

Welcome back to 2022. Over the next few weeks students will be engaged in unpacking the whole school documents with their new classroom teachers.

Behavioural Flow Chart

Minor and Major Behaviours



Minor	Major
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Calling out - Running in the room - Back chatting - Inappropriate language (unintentional) - Not sharing equipment - Talking while others are talking - No self control (not focused) - Not completing tasks - Personal space - Misuse of schools/others equipment - Not sitting during eating time - Not being in the right place at the right time - Disrespecting others - Distracting others - Impolite manners - Ignoring instructions - Not being an active participant - Not minding own business - Chewing gum - Eating in class - Running on the playground - Copying and Plagiarism - Unsafe/Rough play (without intent to hurt) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Swearing intentionally - Hands on (deliberate) - Inappropriate and unsafe use of furniture and equipment - Stealing - Running/leaving the classroom without permission - Intentionally speaking in another language other than english - Bullying - Defiant - Abusive language - Threatening Racism - Breaking technology agreement - Defiant back chatting - Gossiping - Spreading rumours - Destroying school property - Not respecting own or others' privacy - Speaking aggressively towards teachers and students - Inappropriate gestures - Constantly excluding others

Whole School Matrix

	Live Safely	Love Respectfully	Learn Daily
All settings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -We keep our hands and feet to ourselves -We are in the right place at the right time -We walk around all areas quietly and calmly -We keep areas clean and are responsible for our equipment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -We are active communicators to teachers and peers -We use teamwork with our peers -We influence others to be like Jesus -We show empathy towards teachers and peers -We use manners to our peers and teachers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -We are prompt and on time to school and class -We are ready to learn and are focused and determine -We are curious and make meaning & build on new ideas -We take responsibility for our decisions and actions -We are active participants and listen to everyone's voices

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 Ms 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 have a negative RAT result before returning to school. Thank you for your help in keeping us all Covid safe.

Holy Family is going '**CASHLESS**' as directed by CEDP. We will send out QKR App instructions in a few weeks. 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.

REMINDER: Any medication that your child requires to be administered during school hours, a medical form needs to be completed and given to the office along with the medication. Staff cannot administer medication without parent consent.

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.

HOLY FAMILY SPORT UNIFORM

Kindergarten

Wednesday and Friday

Year 1

Wednesday and Friday

Year 2

Wednesday and Friday

Year 3

Year 4

Monday and Friday

Year 5

Tuesday and Friday

Year 6

Wednesday and Friday

HFS Parent Calendar - Term 1, 2022

Week	Date	Event
1	Friday 28/1	Staff Development Day
2	Monday 31/1	Staff Development Day
	Tuesday 1/2	Kindergarten Best Start Testing First Day of School for students Yrs 1 - 6
	Wednesday 2/2	Kindergarten Best Start Testing
	Thursday 3/2	First Day of School for Kindergarten students Kindergarten Parent - Tea, Tissue and Talk in the hall
	Friday 4/2	Dance Fever Begins
3	Monday 7/2	Band Program Recommences
4	Monday 14/2	Yr 6 Leadership Camp
	Tuesday 15/2	Yr 6 Leadership Camp
5	Monday 21/2	Beginning School Liturgy TBC
6	Wednesday 2/3	Ash Wednesday
	Friday 4/3	Cross Country
7	Monday 7/3	Catholic Schools Week Open Classrooms 2:30- 4:00 TBC
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9	Tuesday 22/3	School Photos
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11	Monday 4/4	Holy Week Liturgy 2:10 TBC
	Friday 8/4	Last Day of Term 1