

## Religious Education

In Religion, Year Four students have undertaken an inquiry using the driving question 'How do we live, love and learn'. So far students have defined the key words in the driving question and have explored how different positive role models in their lives and around the world live, love and learn. As a class, students have defined a role model as:

*An individual whose behaviour influences others to also act in a positive way*

To deepen our understanding students explored how significant individuals in their lives and in the world around us fit this criteria. Upon further inquiry students identified Mrs Fortini, Father Andrew, Nelson Mandela, Greta Thunberg, Mary Mackillop and Malala Yousafzai as individuals who inspire others to make a difference in the world around them and act in a positive way.



As we enter the Lenten Season students are now beginning to explore how the person of Jesus Christ is a positive role model based on Scripture passages and relating his actions back to the driving question. To commence this line of inquiry, students were invited on a scavenger hunt by the one and only Gingerbread Boy. Upon reading the book as a class, the Gingerbread Boy left clues around the school.

These clues resulted in a message that students needed to decipher. The revealed message was a Scripture Quote from John 14:6 where Jesus reveals to his Disciples that he is "the way, the truth and the life". Over the next few weeks students will continue to deepen their understanding as to how Jesus is a positive role model and aspire to be like him and act in service for others.



## From The Principal

Don't just teach kids how to count.  
Teach them  
What counts most

1. Kindness 2. Faith 3. Gratitude

4. Resilience

5. Courage

6. Effort

7. Integrity

8. Politeness

9. Generosity

Karen salmansohn

KIDS  
World

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### Parent Representative Council (PRC)

Congratulations to Mr Anthony Yacoub and Mr Lawrence Kurdi who have been nominated as Holy Family Primary's parent representatives on the diocesan PRC.

Mr Yacoub has had a long association with our school community, with two of his daughters currently in Year 1 and Year 5.

Mr Kurdi has a son (Year 5) and daughter (Year 2) and a strong advocate of the school over the past six years.

Our representatives will attend one meeting per term and communicate information, discussions and upcoming events via the School Newsletter, keeping the wider community of Holy Family school informed.

### Prayers Needed

Many of our families are silently suffering at the moment, dealing with personal crises, poor health or death of loved ones in their extended families. During this season of Lent please pray for all community members.

We offer Miss Georgia Khoury (Year 6 teacher) and her family our deepest sympathies on the passing of her grandmother last Thursday evening.

*Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her.*

*May she rest in peace. Amen.*

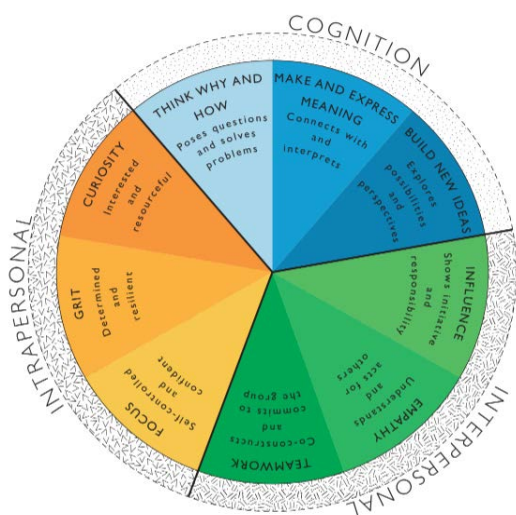
### Mosquitoes at School

The constant wet weather over the past few weeks and high levels of humidity have resulted in a rise in the number of mosquitoes in our homes and schools. There have been various health alerts regarding mosquitoes and as the mosquito population has risen at school, a number of students are going to sick bay complaining of bites. While the school is undertaking measures to eliminate the mosquitoes, I recommend that parents put insect repellent (such as aeroguard) on their child/ren before coming to school.

No aerosol cans are allowed on school grounds.

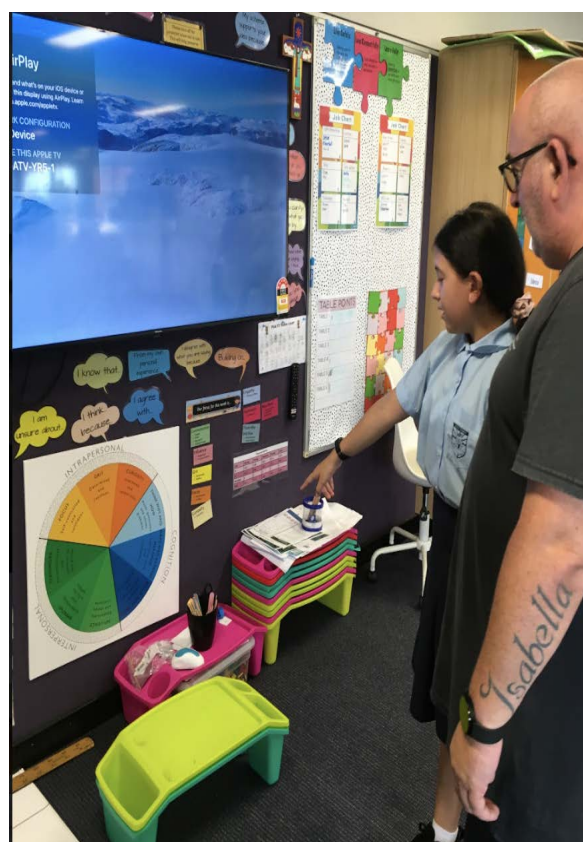


## Events at School



Thank you to all the parents who availed themselves to attend last week's Student Led Conferences. It was wonderful to welcome back parents onto school grounds so that the students could share their learning and their understanding of the Learning Disposition Wheel and how they can use these competencies to engage more deeply with their learning.

The Learning Disposition Wheel is research based and underpins everyone's capability to learn. The staff have been extending their own professional learning about these learning dispositions and how they can embed this into their teaching and learning, providing practical experiences for students to be immersed in and reflect upon their learning. We believe student understanding will continue to develop as we proceed throughout the year.



Two activities occurring this week are a multi-day on Friday as well as the school Cross Country. As both these activities occur on the same day I ask parents to make sure their children are dressed appropriately so that they can participate in the school Cross Country. All students are to wear their sports shoes and clothes that they can easily run in. Parents of students Years 3-6 are invited to attend the Cross Country beginning at 9:30am. Please refer to notes sent home outlining details of the Cross Country.

## Harassment and Bullying



As part of our ongoing efforts to broaden student knowledge and understanding of the serious implications around the issue of Bullying and Harassment Stage 3 students welcomed Senior Constable Shane Summersford, Youth Liaison Officer, Cumberland Police Area Command.

Senior Constable Summersford outlined clearly that the acts of bullying and harassment were extremely serious and a criminal act according to the law. The students engaged whole heartedly in the presentation clearly articulating their understanding of these issues.

Next week the school continues its efforts in raising student awareness with impact speaker Luke S Kennedy sharing his story with Stage 2 & 3 students. Luke will cover topics including Bullying (self-bullying/ negative self talk), resilience, how to be yourself & stop worrying what people think, mental health and self care.

These presentations are in conjunction with the school's PBS4L program that is taught daily in each classroom across the school.

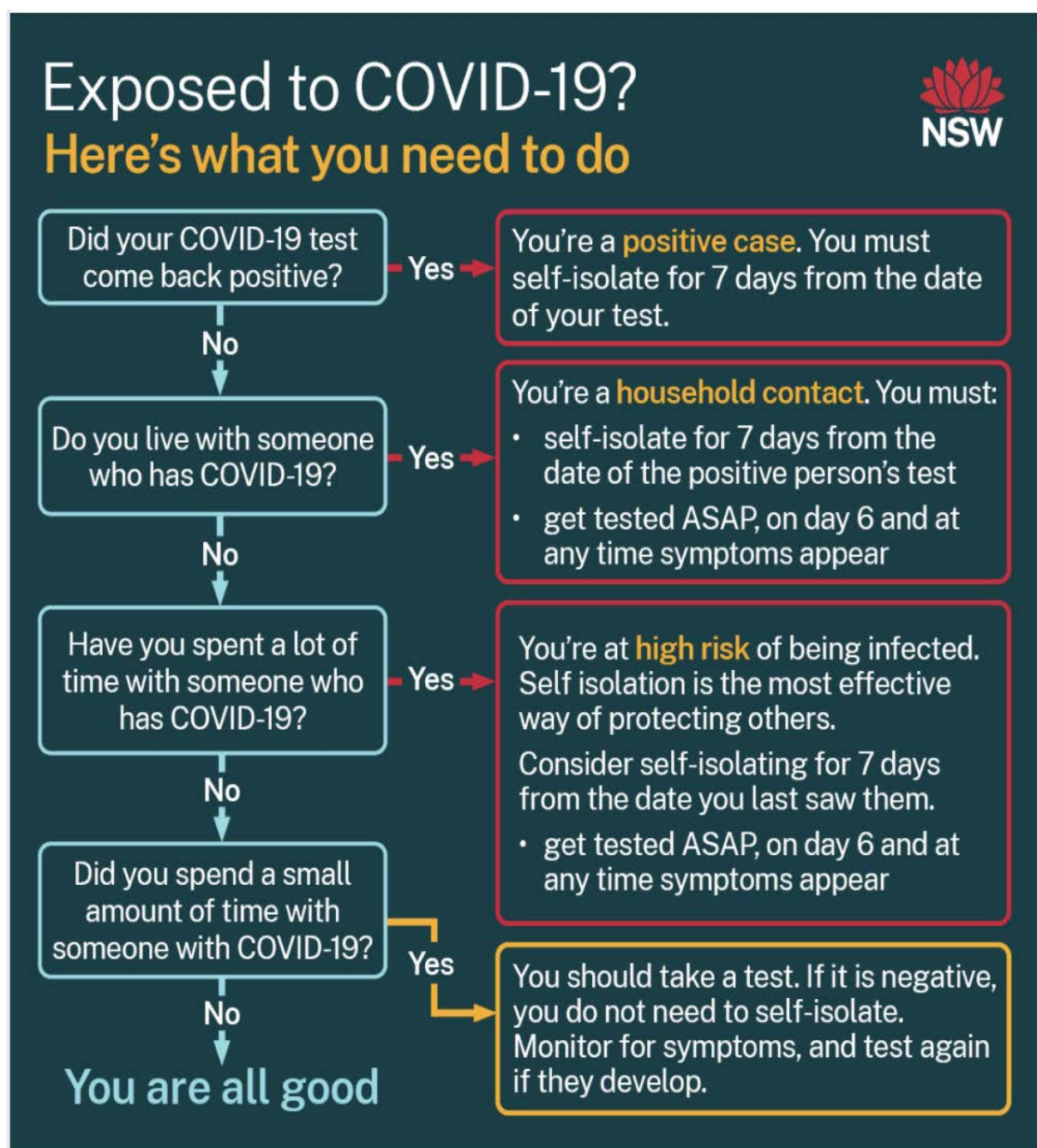
## Close and household contacts:

**Please read and make sure you understand how this impacts on your family if someone in the household tests positive for COVID-19**

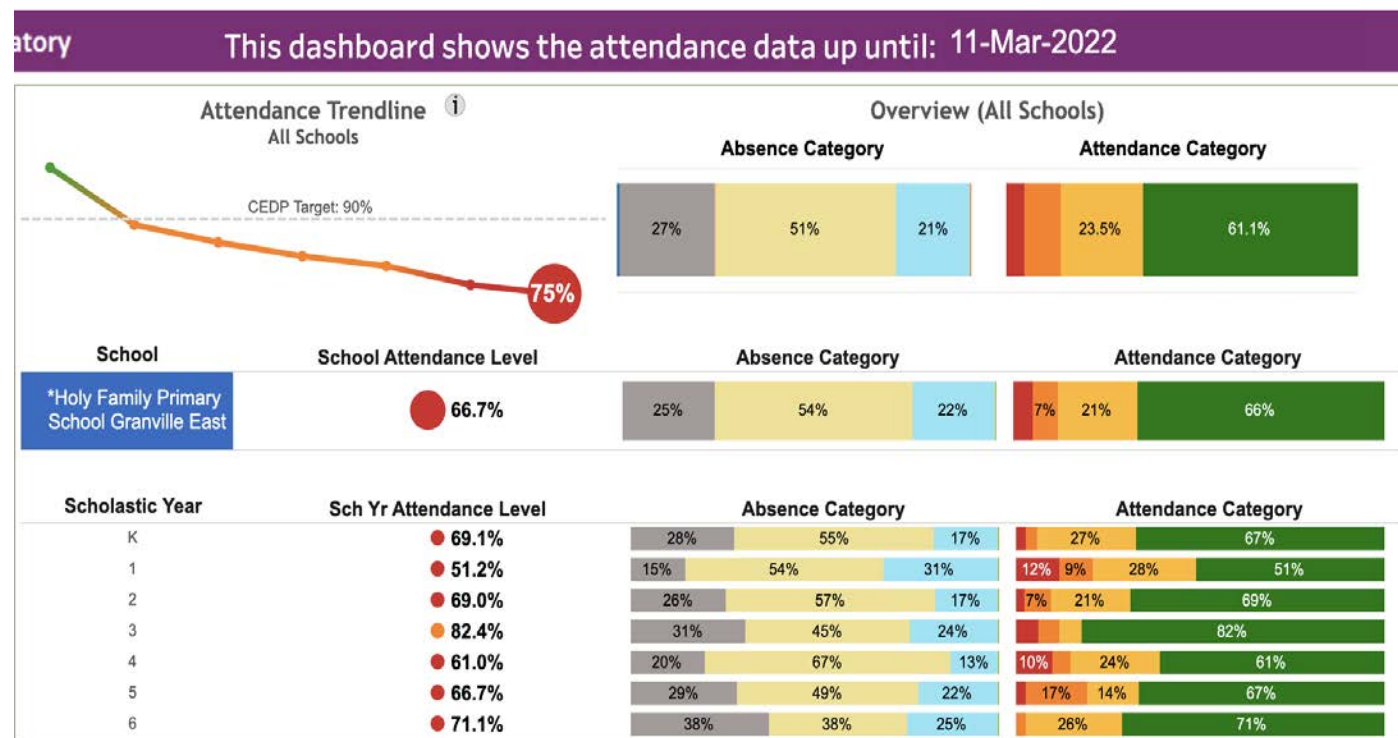
- A close contact notified by an authorised contact tracer must self-isolate for 7 days.
- A household contact must self isolate for 7 days commencing from when the diagnosed person took the test (note, in practice this could end up being less than 7 days if the diagnosed person took a PCR test and it took a couple of days to get a positive result). This is a change from the previous order where the 7 days is counted from the time the person was last in contact with the diagnosed case.
- A household contact is not obligated to self-isolate as a contact more than once in a 21 day period (if that person is diagnosed with COVID-19, they will need to self-isolate as COVID positive).



- A household contact is not obligated to self isolate as a contact if they have already completed their self-isolation period and are subsequently notified by another household contact, and it has been no more than 14 days since the initial period.
- A close contact or household contact is not required to self-isolate as a contact if the person previously had COVID-19 and it has been less than 8 weeks since the person ceased self-isolating as a case (this has increased from 28 days)



## Attendance Targets



Disappointing results this week. On Monday 42 students were absent from school, 3 had notified the school after testing positive to COVID-19 with another 3 stating there was a positive case in the household. The other 36 did not notify the school prior to the 12:00pm SMS. Please make sure you notify the school if your child is absent as this helps us track the reasons why our absent numbers are rising.

*God Bless and stay safe*  
*Cheryl Fortini*

## REC SUPPORTING PROJECT COMPASSION FUNDRAISING

Last newsletter, I mentioned how HFS along with other CEDP schools have gone 'cashless'. This means that our office is unable to receive cash over the counter. As a result 'Project Compassion' boxes are no longer being distributed. We have our own HFS donation page on the 'Project Compassion' site where we can make donations.



*Our target this Lent is \$500.*

*Our thermometer sees us currently sitting at just under \$100.*

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

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

# MUFTI DAY

## FUNDRAISING MESSAGE FROM CEDP for FLOOD VICTIMS - MUFTI DAY



CEDP will be sending information out to schools on how together we can help those affected by the floods. As a starting point though, each school has been asked to mark on their calendar this **Friday, 18 March** as a fundraising day.

At Holy Family we will be having a **mufti day** on this day. Families are asked to make a donation via the QKR app for each child who is out of uniform.

The scenes we have seen through the media show the victims of the flood in so much need.

HFS thank you for your support of this initiative.



## HARMONY DAY @HFS - MONDAY 21st March

Monday the 21st March is **Harmony Day**. It is a day when we come together to acknowledge our diversity. Diversity simply means the things that make us different from one another. Australia is one of the most successful multicultural countries in the world. We should celebrate this and work to maintain it.

The Faith In Action Team (FIAT) will lead a prayer celebration to mark this day commencing 1:20pm.

Parents are invited to join us for the prayer celebration followed by a multicultural picnic lunch. So bring your chairs, bring your rugs and don't forget to bring some of the delicious foods from your culture on the day.



Our learners are invited to wear cultural dress, the colours of their cultural heritage or the colour orange (the colour adopted for this celebration) on this day. You will be receiving an invitation to this event, designed and created by our Yr 6 promotions team over the next few days.

We hope you can join us to celebrate the richness of our diversity here at HFS.

Monday 21st  
of March.  
Commences at  
1:20 with  
prayer  
followed by a  
Picnic Lunch

Created by Year 6 Promotions Team

## Harmony Day

### Why do we celebrate HARMONY DAY?

We celebrate Harmony Day in an aim for inclusiveness, respect and the idea that people of all different cultures can make a valuable contribution to society.

Dress code:  
Cultural colours,  
traditional dress  
or wear orange



Bring food  
from your  
culture to  
enjoy!!





## PBS4U!

Students had fun this Monday with their Playground Disco. It is great to see students dancing and moving to the music and it was a well deserved reward for our students!



Year 5 have been looking at 'Size of the Problem'. They worked together to come up with a shared understanding of small problems versus larger problems. It was great to see them work together and build these anchor charts up. Great learning is happening here!







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**



We congratulate **Week 6 Term 1** Student of the Week Award recipients:

Kindergarten	Joseph Taktak	Noah Newstead
Year 1	Mohil Limbu	Natalie Sun
Year 2	Gabriella Zappia	Justin Wang
Year 3	Tonia El Kadi	Tony Elbayeh
Year 4	Mia Houshmand	Augustine Huang
Year 5	Gabriella Yacoub	Mariyan Anwar
Year 6	Elio Dib	Mary Kpaka



And our **Week 7 Term 1** Student of the Week Award recipients:

Kindergarten	Elijah Rae Shalala	Sidney Zakhia
Year 1	Minhao Lin	Feynman Zheng
Year 2	Miranda Luo	Arogya Aryal
Year 3	Norah Rai	Sidney Bose
Year 4	Annie Isaac	Joshua Katrib
Year 5	Sebastian Ghosn	Akshan Maskey
Year 6	Brandon Commodore	Jacob Hallab







## Holy Family Granville is now offering an online payment service through Qkr Application!

Qkr payment service was introduced to our school as we are now **cashless**. Qkr is designed for parents and carers, an easy- to-use mobile phone application is suitable for both iPhone and Android Smartphones.

**Qkr Application will be used for school events such as Easter Raffle, Mother's Day, Father's Day, Gold Coin Days, Meal Days etc.** Communication to parents will be distributed as new events and products become available for purchase.

Please follow the instruction sheet to download the Qkr App on your phone. Please note the importance of downloading the app so your child can participate in school events that are offered. If you require assistance with the Qkr App, please see the office.




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For quicker, hassle-free school payments, try Qkr! today

Introducing Qkr! (pronounced 'quicker') by Mastercard, the secure and easy way to order and pay for school items from your phone at a time and place that suits you.



With Qkr you can:

- Pay for a variety of school items;
- See your receipts on the app and get them sent by email if required.



### Getting started is easy - try it yourself today

**Step 1 Download Qkr!**  
on your Android phone or iPhone. iPad users can download iPhone app

**Step 2 Register**  
Select your Country of Residence as 'Australia' and follow the steps to register

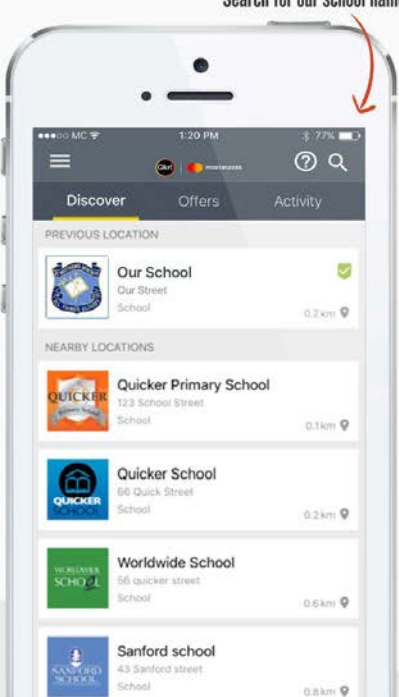
**Step 3 Find our school**  
Our school will appear in 'Nearby Locations' if you're within 10kms of the school, or search for our school by name.

**Step 4 Register your children**  
When first accessing our school you will be prompted to add a student profile for your child. This allows you to make orders and payments for them.

Search for our school name

If you have made a purchase you can select our school from 'Previous Location'

If you're within 10 kms of the school, you can select our school from 'Nearby Locations'





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## Add your children's details in Student Profiles

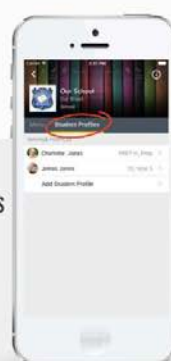
Select  
'Add student profile'



Add each  
child's details



Manage each  
child's details in  
Student Profiles



## Purchase school items

Select a menu  
from our school



Select child  
you are  
ordering for



Select your items



Tap 'Checkout'  
then confirm and pay

## Making payments

Add up to 5 cards to your wallet



At checkout select which card to  
pay with.

Pay with any cards accepted  
by the school.

Once your payment is approved you  
can continue to the home page, or  
view your receipt.



## HFS Parent Calendar - Term 1, 2022

W k	Date	Event
9	Tuesday 22/3	School Photos
10		
11	Monday 4/4	Holy Week Liturgy 2:10 TBC
	Friday 8/4	Last Day of Term 1



## 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  
to register  
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)

## Cumberland Police Area Command POLICE PARENT/GUARDIAN FORUM Agenda



8:45 – 9:00am	<b>Registration/morning tea</b>
9:00 – 9:15am	<b>Introduction</b> Role of Youth Officer and Multicultural Liaison Officer (MCLO) toward young persons and families within the community.
9:15 – 10:15am	<b>Cyber Safety Presentation Think U Know</b> - Ensuring children are participating safely and responsibly in the digital age. - Sending/receiving of intimate images/videos and strategies to deal with this. - Online challenges surrounding bullying, sexual abuse/exploitation, online privacy, and scams.
10:15 – 10:30am	<b>Refreshments</b>
10:30 – 11:00am	<b>Domestic Violence</b> - Common causes of Domestic Violence involving Young Persons. - Obligations of Police (Body Worn Video/recording legalities) - Religious/cultural beliefs vs Legislation
11:00 – 11:30am	<b>Mental Health &amp; Suicide</b> - Common mental illnesses suffered by young persons and Risk factors, signs and symptoms associated with mental illness in young persons. - support agencies available regarding mental illness/suicide prevention.
11:30 – 12:00pm	<b>Drug Use/Abuse</b> - Commonly used drugs by young persons. - Signs and symptoms of drug use/abuse. - Coping strategies for parents and support agencies available regarding drug use.
12:00 – 12:30pm	<b>Lunch</b>
12:30 – 1:00pm	<b>Cumberland Highway Patrol</b> - Knowledge and understanding of Road Rules relating to school zones. - Issues relating to Speeding, mobile phone use, signage, and road markings. - Discussion about parking in or around schools
1:00pm	<b>Concludes</b> -Questions



## Cumberland Police Area Command POLICE PARENT/GUARDIAN FORUM RSVP



Time: 9:00am to 1:00pm

Date: Wednesday 22 June 2022 or Wednesday 29 June 2022

(Please circle which date you will be attending)

Place: Wednesday 22 June 2022 – TBA (Merrylands area)

Wednesday 29 June 2022 – TBA (Granville Area)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of School: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Dietary Requirements: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of attending (max 2): \_\_\_\_\_

How will you be attending the event? (Please Circle)

Car

Public Transport

Once you have completed this form please forward it on in one of the following ways:

- Email a copy to [cmbylo@police.nsw.gov.au](mailto:cmbylo@police.nsw.gov.au)
- Mail it to 15-17 Memorial Rd Merrylands 2160 Attn: CMB YLO
- Hand it into your front office at your school.

**RSVP BY 5<sup>th</sup> April 2022 for catering purposes**

**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.