

Religious Education

This Term, Year 2 has been looking at how everyone belongs, as part of our religion unit. We have discussed the groups that we belong to and noticed that some of us belong to the same groups and others belong to different groups. To model that we all belong to the Year 2 classroom, we came together to model the words BELONGING as a visual representation.



From the Principal's Desk

STEM Project

Thank you to Miss Lianos & Mr Bawden for dedicating so much time last term working with students on the CEDP STEM project 'Make a Difference'. Both teachers and students gave up a lot of their lunch times to complete this project. The students were commended on their efforts and will be receiving Certificates of Participation.

Feedback from Mr Paul Steening, Head of Maths & Science at CEDP stated:



The Focus Watch - Team members were Emilia Lum, Year 4, Owen Mao, Year 4, and Joel Lum Year 6. The Focus Watch team's collection, analysis and use of observational data to inform their project was exemplary. Well done to the Focus Watch team for their solution to a problem that they see in their classrooms.



The Buk Buk Owl Bin - Team members were Krista Kuma, Trisha Kuma, Mary Kpaka, Anushka Raya, Gethyn Griffiths and Brandon Commodore, all from Year 6. The Buk Buk Owl team identified an issue at the school and carefully crafted a solution that incorporated symbols that are in common use in the school through PBS4L. Their inclusion of technology as displayed in their coding skills is commendable.

(Krista & Trisha Kuma are absent from the photo.)

Attendance



At Holy Family, we continue to promote student attendance. Thank you to our parents for the support and value that you place on your child being at school each day. Regular school attendance plays a critical role in ensuring that every student has access to the same learning opportunities. When students are not at school, are late to school or leave school early, they are missing out on so much that can impact on their future learning.

Our target is for at least 90% attendance every day. To date, attendance for each grade is well below our target.

Current Update as of the 8th August 2022 ~ Congratulations to Year 3 for the highest rate of attendance

School	School Attendance Level
*Holy Family Primary School Granville East	61.2%
Scholastic Year	Sch Yr Attendance Level
K	58.5%
1	49.3%
2	67.0%
3	74.1%
4	57.5%
5	61.1%
6	63.2%

It's Never Too Late To Be Punctual

Parents are reminded that our school day starts at 8:50am...not 9:00am or 9:05am. If your child is late, a parent or carer must sign their child in at the office, otherwise an SMS will be sent asking for an explanation. Nevertheless, to help our families even more, here are some thoughts on being punctual....

Does your family start the day with repeated orders and pleading to various members to get up, get dressed, have their breakfast, pack their school bag, brush their teeth, catch the bus?

Some children are always late – to school, to classes, with projects – and the chaos of their lives has an effect on their ability to learn.

A calm, well-organised start to the day and successful time management help develop the habits that lead to good learning.

Effective time management leads to greater contentment. Satisfaction with how we use our time is an important predictor of happiness. Time is the basis on which we operate our lives and if we're happy with the way we manage time, we're happy with our lives. Being late is a way of life for many people. But good timekeeping can be learnt.

For some, lateness is the only way they can get anything done. They have convinced themselves that racing to the deadline is the way they work best, and leave everything to the last minute to get that adrenaline rush that charges them up to get the job done. They usually never count the cost of the worry, feelings of panic and lying awake at night as the deadline looms and they haven't yet started.

How can you change these habits? Help the unpunctual members of your family take responsibility for their own lateness. It pays to begin when they are young but it's never too late to start. Set their alarms, establish routines like who is first to use the bathroom, have breakfast ready and expect them to be out the door on time.

One unpunctual member of the family can raise the stress levels for everyone. Being left behind just once is often all that it takes to change habitual lateness.

Here are some other ideas to try:

- Try 'To Do' lists and learn to enjoy ticking off each task as it is done.
- Keep a detailed calendar and a checklist for progress.
- Regard lack of punctuality as lack of manners. People who always keep others waiting regard themselves as far more important. They are sending a clear message that your time is not as important as theirs.
- Most lateness 'junkies' have developed ways of distinguishing 'important' appointments from those they think don't matter so much. They feel in their own minds that they are on time for the things that matter to them and selfishly ignore the effect on others who are kept waiting.
- It is nonsense to convince yourself that you work best when you are under pressure. That really is no more than an excuse for time-wasting and refusing to get organised.
- To feel more in control of your time, take note of when you are late and by how much. It's often a standard amount and conforms to a pattern. Often you can be punctual by giving yourself a margin of only ten minutes to get to the school gates, to work and to meet friends.

Parent Forum ~ PBS4L

The staff is looking forward to sharing with parents the important purpose of PBS4L at Holy Family, demonstrating what has been achieved so far during its initial implementation at Thursday's Parent Forum 3:30-4:30pm in the Year 6 learning space.

Just a reminder if you are attending that you please wear a mask.

Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair is arriving next Wednesday 17th August. On Thursday 18th August each grade will be given the opportunity to walk through and view all the different books available for sale. They will complete a wish list to take home and discuss with their parents. Parents will also have the opportunity to visit the Book Fair before and after school with their child. Parents are reminded that no cash will be accepted at the Book Fair, credit card facilities are available. Parents are also able to order online and prepay for student purchases and the children collect their books the next day. Further details of times and days will be sent home on Friday.

Book Week ~ Week 6

A range of activities have been designed for students throughout the week. Parents please note that you are invited to 2 events during the week:

Book Week Parade: 9:10am Tuesday 23rd August

Read Aloud: 2:30pm Wednesday 24th August - bring along a book to read & share with your child and their friends.

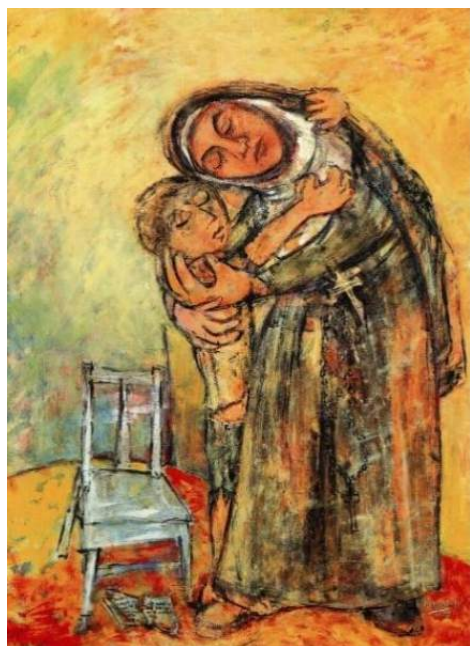
Week 6				
Monday 22nd	Tuesday 23rd	Wednesday 24th	Thursday 25th	Friday 26th
Colouring Competition	Book Week Parade (Parents Invited)	9:15-10:15 Perform K-3 Visit		
Crunch and Sip – read or watch a Short Listed Book (on Story Box Library)				
	Where's Wally? Hunt		10am-1:30pm Paul McDonald Visit 4-6	
Recess				
Whole School Write			10am-1:30pm Paul McDonald Visit 4-6	
			10am-1:30pm Paul McDonald Visit 4-6	Whole School Kahoot
Lunch (Teacher book match)	Lunch (Teacher book match)	Lunch (Teacher book match)	Lunch (Teacher book match)	Lunch (winner of book match announced)
		Staff Read Aloud (Parents Invited)		
Book Fair	Book Fair- Last Day			

Remember to always be kind and caring when interacting with others. Can you recognise the face of Jesus in all you meet?

Cheryl Fortini



Religious Education



THE FEAST OF ST MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP

The August 8th marks the feast day of Australia's first recognised saint – St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. A daughter of Australia, born under the Southern Cross whose mission was to respond to the Gospel message to love and care for the poor. Mary MacKillop was born in 1842 in Fitzroy Melbourne and died over 110 years ago at North Sydney on 8th August 1909. Born of immigrant parents from Scotland her early life had a lasting effect on her faith and worldview. Mary was the first of eight children born to Alexander MacKillop and Flora MacDonald. Mary's father found himself often without work and prone to impulsivity. This meant that he was often away from the family, leaving them close to destitution. Mary's life was also chequered with personal loss and challenges. These experiences imbued her with a strong faith and empathy for the plight of those in need.

Inspired by a meeting with Father Julian Tenison-Woods, at the age of just 25, Mary MacKillop took vows and the religious name, "Mary of the Cross". With Father Julian's encouragement she founded the Sisters of St Joseph, also known as the "Brown Joeys". Upon taking her religious vows, Mary MacKillop began her first school in Penola South Australia dedicated to children from impoverished families. Within five years Mary had established over 30 schools in South Australia and over 100 women had joined the Sisters of Saint Joseph. The Josephite Charism was simple - *to walk with those most in need of God's justice and hospitality.*

Mary and the early Josephites were wallaby track women like the indigenous people before them. The denseness of the landscape often made travel on foot incredibly difficult. Tiny tracks were discovered through the bush – tracks that had been worn by wallabies. The Sisters of St Joseph often used these tracks to reach those they needed to serve, often the most neglected people in the outback. Remaining true to the Gospel message they committed to bring the Good News to those who were poor, to embrace the outsider, and to welcome the stranger as friend.

Even today, many Australians can say that they too have felt the impact of the mission started by St Mary of the Cross, having been either educated or cared for by the Sisters of St Joseph. This legacy includes the starting of Holy Family Parish School in 1938. The Sisters of St Joseph served this school community for 50 years until 1987.



GRANDPARENTS' DAY



Last Tuesday on a glorious day gifted from God, we were finally able to gather to celebrate Grandparents' Day and acknowledge the Feast of St Anne and St Joachim. One of the special highlights of the liturgy was how the prayer space was created acknowledging all the wonderful things that children get to do and receive from their grandparents.

Many grandparents, parents and carers were present in the morning. Yr 4 led the school in a welcoming hymn. The scripture passage read was the story of the mustard seed. This tiny seed made a HUGE difference. We were reminded that *even though we can sometimes feel small, Jesus is telling us that we can also make a huge difference! God's Kingdom is still growing today and we can help grow it by telling others all about Him!*

Prayers of Intercession were made for all those grandparents who were present, for those who were unable to attend in person and for all those who are no longer with us here on earth. A special highlight was seeing our Kindergarten children joined by Yr 3 in the singing of the Grandparents' Song to conclude the liturgy.

Those who were able to stay on, visited the learning spaces and enjoyed morning tea in the hall before spending recess out on the playground.

At HFS we are truly thankful for the love and support our grandparents give to each of us.



HOLY FAMILY PRIMARY SCHOOL



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER ○ Wednesday 10 August 2022 ○ Term 3 Week 4



PBS4U!

Our students have started this term off with a bang!

Last Friday they received their first reward of Extended Play with 200 tokens. I don't know who had more fun- the teachers or the students. What a way to end the week.



STUDENT AWARDS

We congratulate **Week 2 Term 3** Student of the Week Award recipients:



Kindergarten	Filipe Visei	Dominic Katrib
Year 1	Fiona Lin	Mohit Limbu
Year 2	Ava Elali	Charles Mansour
Year 3	Samuel Livingstone	Danny Rashid
Year 4	Hana Wardrop	Bon Senesi
Year 5	Akshan Maskey	Derek Custodio
Year 6	Gabriel Katrib	Alannah Feher-Hegarty



Kindergarten	Jayda Taleb	Isaiah Khouri
Year 1	Ivan Zheng	Cindy Tong
Year 2	Preesha Joshi	Miranda Luo
Year 3	Siupelli Faletau	Sidney Bose
Year 4	Sescil Nyakui	Mary Kanaan
Year 5	Jacky Chen	Aiden Sorojevic
Year 6	Olivia Burke	Amelia Cagiloaloe

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HFS Parent Calendar - Term 3, 2022

Week	Date	Event
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
	23/08	Book Week Parade 9:10am
	24/08	Read Aloud 2:30pm
7	01/09	Father's Day Stall
	02/09	Diocesan Athletics Carnival
		Father's Day Liturgy
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

Fathers Day Stall & Year 6 Mini Fete - A reminder our school is cashless, please order through the QKR App so the children don't miss out.

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.