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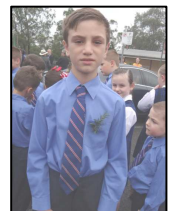
Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to Term 2. I trust that all have enjoyed a great rest and are ready to begin another great term of learning at HFS.

Friday of last week a group of students from Holy Family represented our school community at the Warragamba ANZAC Day memorial service. The local commemoration of this a national day, recalls and honours the sacrifices made by our service men and women. Like Jesus on Good Friday, they too have given their lives for others; born out of a deep love and commitment to the care and safety of all.

Thank you to the children and parents who attended for supporting our school community's presence at this very important community event. It was great to see so many of our students marching with medals of family members. Taking a small amount of time out of our usual routine and the possibility of a holiday is a mark of respect for those who have sacrificed and continue to sacrifice for all of us. This connection to our collective national history is an important way that we pass on our traditions. It was also wonderful to see many of our past students who attend Caroline Chisholm College also marching behind their school banner.

Congratulations to Madeleine & Amelia Vella, Clara Davies, James & Sarah Macri, Emily Attard, Kaitlyn & Liam Vella, Ammaleah & Montayah Astruc, Christopher & Nicholas Cosic, Brock Heiler, Max Blackhurst, Jacqui & Ben Sheil, Ryan & Emily Woodhead, Georgia Calderwood, Sarah & Cameron Vella, Andrea & Annalise Surace, Patrick & Matthew Vial, Lachlan & Matthew Urschel, Dominique Sidoruk, Joshua Lewin and Daniel Kraljevic for representing their families and our school community so well. I would also like to acknowledge Kimberley Fenech, who acted as a flag bearer during the ceremony, and Kiesha McMahon, both girls marched with their Girl Guide troupe.



In partnership let us continue to work to develop in the children strong minds and gentle hearts

Peace & best wishes

Diocesan Works Fund

The Diocesan Works Fund appeal runs in our parishes three times each year and raises funds to support diocesan ministries and agencies that work in our diocese. For the first time schools are participating in the appeal as a key part of our charitable giving. The Fund contributes to key social groups providing services and support to individuals and families within our local and Diocesan community. The DWF appeal is an opportunity for all in our community to deepen our understanding and support of Catholic social teaching. With this newsletter is an envelope that can be used to make a donation to this fund. I ask that you consider giving what you can give in support of these important social services.

New Families

This term we welcome the Athum family (Guedy S3, Achala S1/2 and Athum S1) & Stubbs family (Audrey ES1 & Elliot S2) to the Holy Family community. We trust that you quickly feel a part of our school community.

PRG News

Our next PRG meeting will be held on Wednesday 7th May to finalise organisation for the Mother's Day stall and continue planning for upcoming events. All parents are welcome to join the group in the staffroom from 2.20pm.

Our annual Mother's Day Stall will be held on Thursday the 8th May. Thanks to Michelle Norris for taking on the organising of this activity. Gifts start from \$4. There will also be raffle tickets for sale at the stall. The stall will be set up in the Hall.

Our Mother's Day prayer will be held on Friday 9th May starting at 7.30am All mothers and grandmothers are invited to join us at this morning celebration. A note to assist with catering has been sent with this newsletter.

Biggest Morning Tea

For the past few years the PRG have supported the local "Cuppa for Cancer" held at the Luddenham Progress Hall. We will again be sponsoring this event which will be held on Thursday 22nd May, starting at 9.30am with morning tea being served at approximately 10.30am. The organisers have asked if there are any families able to donate cakes, biscuits etc. for this community event it would greatly appreciated.

NAPLAN

From 14-16th May our Year 3 & 5 children will participate in the annual NAPLAN assessments. Teachers and students are continuing to work on their preparations for these assessments. We wish them the best of luck and hope their results reflect their level of preparation and effort.

Winter Uniform

Over the next week students should make the change from Summer to Winter uniform. By the start of Week 3, 12th May it is expected that all children will be wearing the correct Winter uniform.

The uniform is:

Girls: Check pinafore

White blouse (Peter Pan Collar)

Tab tie - matching material of pinafore

Plain, short white socks or navy blue tights

Black shoes

Boys: Blue shirt (long sleeved) and school tie

Navy long trousers (cargo pants are not permitted)

Short navy socks

Black shoes

Please check with the front office if you have any questions regarding the school uniform.

Enrolling Now for 2015

The enrolment period for Kindergarten 2015 is open. If your child turns 5 before the 31st July, 2015 and you would like them to start at Holy Family please contact the school office to pick up or have an enrolment pack sent to you. If you know of any family who are seeking enrolment for 2015 and are not yet connected with the Holy Family School please pass on this information. We look forward to welcoming you to Holy Family School in the near future.

Enrolment Policy

Our Enrolment policy is in-line with the Diocesan Policy. The enrolment criteria is included below:

*Children of Catholic families who:

i) live within the geographic boundaries of the parish (or parishes) for which the school was established, on which the school depends; OR

ii) live outside the parish geographic boundaries but regularly attend such a parish.

*Children of Catholic families who are parishioners of a parish other than the parish of the school they intend their child to attend provided there are no vacancies at the child's own designated community parish school

* Children of other Christian churches who, with their parents, respect and agree to support the Catholic mission of the school including the religious education it offers for their children.

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We are continuing to accept applications for enrolment for Years 1-6 for 2014.

The school office can be contacted on 4773 4485 for an enrolment pack and Mrs. Miller or Mrs. Edwards will be able to assist with enrolment.

Canteen

Our new school canteen arrangements began this week in a positive way. We welcome Belinda Moroney to the Holy Family community. Belinda will oversee the canteen management. A reminder to refer to the information sent at the end of last term in regards to ordering on-line. Over the counter sales will be possible for smaller items however lunches need to be ordered using the on-line facility or orders placed in the lunch box outside the canteen by 9.15am.

Congratulations

Congratulations to the Mandarano family (Tommy Stage 2 and Claudio Early Stage 1) on the arrival of a beautiful baby girl, Francesca.

Best wishes for their family and the hope of restful nights in the future.

Sport News

Past Students

Congratulations to Jake Stein who recently won the National Open Decathlon title as well as the Oceania title. Jake has qualified to represent Australia at the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow, Scotland in July/August of this year. We wish Jake every success in his endeavour later this year.

Jake's younger brother Rhys has been selected to compete for Australia in IAAF World Junior Championships for Javelin in Eugene, Oregon USA in July.

Diocesan Cross Country is to be run on the 6th May at Eastern Creek. Those children who have qualified have been notified and we wish them the best of luck at this carnival.

Our school Athletics carnival is set for Friday the 23rd May. The carnival will be run at Sales Park. If you require any information please contact the school office.

This term there are a number of Gala Days set down. The increased number this term has been caused by the very wet start to year.

The Gala Days and dates for Term 2 are:

Stage 3 Boys Soccer	27th May
Stage 3 Girls Soccer	17th June
(Event postponed from Term 1)	
Stage 2 Boys Soccer	24th June
Stage 2 Girls Soccer	25th June

Team selections for each of these Gala Days will be held before each Gala Day to select students to represent Holy Family. Students who are selected will be given a note that outlines the details for the day, including the staff who will be accompanying the teams on the day.

Term at Glance

Please find attached the Term at Glance calendar to this newsletter for your information.

Parish News

Discussion of Sexual Abuse Issues

Tuesday 13th May, 7pm

Holy Family Church Foyer

We will be having a meeting for anyone who wants to take part in a **confidential discussion** regarding the various issues affecting today's Church, particularly those addressed by the Royal Commission.

Fr Dave Austin from St Clair Parish will be moderating.

Everyone is welcome.

Community

New government dental scheme – one thousand reasons to smile!

Have you heard about the new government dental scheme "Child Dental Benefits Schedule"? From January 1st 2014, it is providing eligible kids with \$1,000 to spend on selected dental services over a 2 calendar year period. This great initiative expects to help around 3.4 million Australian kids between the ages of 2-17 years.

To benefit from this scheme, children must be eligible for Medicare and the family must be in receipt of Family Tax Benefit Part A or receive a relevant Government payment. Services that will be covered include:

examinations, x-rays, cleaning, fissure sealing, fillings, root canals and extractions. Benefits will not be available for services carried out in hospital, or for orthodontic or cosmetic dental work.

To see if your kids are eligible, call your local Dentist who can look up the information for you.



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TERM TWO AT A GLANCE

2014

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY Sports Uniform Day Stg 2, Stg 1/2 & ES1 RFF Day	WEDNESDAY Sports Uniform Day Stg 3, Stg 1 & ES1 RFF Day	THURSDAY Sports Uniform Day Stage 1 & Stage 1/2	FRIDAY Sports Uniform Day Stage 2 & Stage 3	SAT SUN
1 Apr	28 th Students Return to School	29 th RFF – S2, S1/2 & ES1	30 th RFF – S3, S1 & ES1	1 st Music Bus	2 nd	3 rd /4 th
2 May	5 th	6 th RFF – S2, S1/2 & ES1 Diocesan Cross Country	7 th RFF – S3, S1 & ES1 PRG Meeting 2.20pm	8 th Branches Music Bus Mother's Day Stall	9 th Mother's Day Prayer and Breakfast 7.30am in the Hall Stage 1/2 Excursion Captivate Choir Rehearsal	10 th /11 th
3	12 th Students in Winter Uniform	13 th RFF – S2, S1/2 & ES1 Yr3 & Yr5 NAPLAN	14 th RFF – S3, S1 & ES1 Yr3 & Yr5 NAPLAN	15 th Music Bus Yr3 & Yr5 NAPLAN ANZAC Day Prayer 1.15pm in Hall	16 th Whole School Assembly 2.20pm	17 th /18 th
4	19 th	20 th ICAS Computer Skills RFF – S2, S1/2 & ES1	21 st RFF – S3, S1 & ES1	22 nd Branches Music Bus Australia's Biggest Morning Tea Lunch ES1, S1 & S1/2 Liturgy 9.30am in the Church	23 rd School Athletics Carnival School Disco	24 th /25 th
5	26 th School Photos	27 th RFF – S2, S1/2 & ES1 S3 BOYS Soccer Gala Day	28 th RFF – S3, S1 & ES1	29 th Music Bus Ascension Thursday	30 th Confirmation 7.30pm Captivate Choir Rehearsal	31 st /1 st Confirmation 6pm
6 Jun	2 nd	3 rd RFF – S2, S1/2 & ES1	4 th RFF – S3, S1 & ES1 ICAS Science PRG Meeting 2.20pm	5 th Branches Music Bus Whole School Assembly 2.20pm	6 th Staff Development Day	7 th /8 th Pentecost Sunday
7	9 th Queen's Birthday	10 th RFF – S2, S1/2 & ES1	11 th RFF – S3, S1 & ES1	12 th Music Bus S2 & S3 Mass 9.30am in the Church	13 th Captivate Choir Rehearsal	14 th /15 th School Vigil Mass 6pm Trinity Sunday
8	16 th ICAS Writing	17 th RFF – S2, S1/2 & ES1 ICAS Spelling S3 GIRLS Soccer	18 th RFF – S3, S1 & ES1	19 th Branches Music Bus	20 th S2 & S3 Reconciliation 11.45am in the Church	21 st /22 nd Corpus Christi
9	23 rd Reports Go Home	24 th RFF – S2, S1/2 & ES1 S2 BOYS Soccer	25 th RFF – S3, S1 & ES1 S2 GIRLS Soccer	26 th Music Bus	27 th Whole School Assembly 2.20pm Captivate Choir Rehearsal End of Term	28 th /29 th