



Holy Family Primary School

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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 Fun, Faith and Learning at Holy Family School.

There are a number of significant commemorations and celebrations coming up this term. This will start this weekend with the school community's presence at 100th Anniversary of ANZAC Day. Everyone is invited to join the commemorations at the memorial service in Warragamba starting at 11:00am. We will assemble as a school group outside the Warragamba Pre-school from 10:30am. Being the 100th Anniversary it is a particularly significant milestone and the local commemoration of this national day, will join in recalling and honouring the sacrifices made by our service men and women. Like Jesus on Good Friday, they gave their lives for others, born out of a deep love and commitment to the care and safety of all.

In addition to our local commemoration Mrs. Whiteman and myself will be taking our Year 6 Student Leaders to the Schools Commemoration in Hyde Park on Thursday of this week. This will be a significant event for our Student Leaders and I am certain will stay with them for many years to come.

Other celebrations that we have this term include Mother's Day and the 25 years of the School and Parish Centre being established and opened. More details will follow over the coming weeks.

During the holiday break work has been carried out on the schools PA system with the installation of additional speakers into classrooms and on the playground, as well as an upgrade to the system itself. Also there has been work in the Administration building with the establishment of a meeting room, as well refurbishment of the staff room space. The new PA system will contribute to improved communication in the school, with the meeting room giving a designated space for parents to meet as a part of the PRG as well as with staff, including the school counselor.

As a staff we look forward to continuing to work with you, as the first educators of your children, in their growth in faith and their learning as well as strengthening the connection between school and home.

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

Peace & best wishes

Tim Vane-Tempest
Principal

Possible Industrial Action

At present there is an Enterprise Agreement being negotiated between Catholic Church Employers and those who work in Catholic schools. I am writing to notify all parents of the likelihood of industrial action taking place across schools in the Diocese of Parramatta on Tuesday 28th April, that is Tuesday of next week.

Teachers will hold a ballot this Thursday, 23rd April regarding the call for industrial action in response to the proposed Enterprise Agreement.

Once the ballot has been held further information will be shared in regards what, if any, industrial action will take place at Holy Family School.

Catholic Culture

Pope Francis' Reflection from the Easter Vigil

During the Easter celebrations I read the reflections of Pope Francis at the Easter Vigil Mass. I have included a brief summary for your own reflection as we continue the Easter Season.

Pope Francis focused his reflections on the women who, going out early Sunday morning to anoint the Body of the Lord, were the first to see the empty tomb.

"We cannot live Easter," he said, "without entering into this mystery."

Entering into the mystery, Pope Francis explained, "means the ability to wonder, to contemplate; the ability to listen to the silence and to hear the tiny whisper amid great silence by which God speaks to us"... it "demands that we not be afraid of reality: that we not be locked into ourselves, that we not flee from what we fail to understand, that we not close our eyes to problems or deny them, that we not dismiss our questions" ... "To enter into the mystery means going beyond our own comfort zone, beyond the laziness and indifference which hold us back, and going out in search of truth, beauty and love."

Pope Francis went on to say humility is necessary to enter into the mystery, the humility to not take ourselves too seriously, to come down from the pedestal of our "I" which is so proud and to see ourselves as we really are: "creatures with strengths and weaknesses, sinners in need of forgiveness."

The Pope said this is what the women at the tomb teach us. They kept watch, they went out and they entered into the Mystery. Pope Francis ended his homily with the prayer that we might learn from the women "to keep watch with God and with Mary our Mother, so that we too may enter into the Mystery which leads from death to life."

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. Schools are again being asked to support this 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. Further information on how to make a donation to this fund will be sent in the coming weeks. I ask that you consider giving what you can give in support of these important social services.

Mr. McCauley's Pilgrimage

As we return this week Mr. McCauley is currently in the Holy Land with 35 other Religious Education Coordinators as well as System and Religious Leaders from the Parramatta Diocese. This has, is and will continue to be a significant event for Mr. McCauley in deepening his understanding and connection to his faith, especially given the significance of the events of Easter. We continue to pray for Mr. McCauley and those on the FIDES pilgrimage for their deepened connection to their Faith, their witness to Christian discipleship, collaborative leadership, evangelisation, and formation. Mr. McCauley will return to school on Monday 4th May. There is a blog site linked to the Pilgrimage the link is <http://fides.parra.catholic.edu.au/pilgrimage-blog> Also some images from Mr. McCauley's Pilgrimage have been added to the Year 6 Twitter feed.



Peter outside the Church of Saint Peter in Capernaum, Israel



Capernaum



The Church of the Transfiguration on Mt Tabor

Holy Week

Our commemoration of the events of Holy Week at the end of First Term was a wonderful preparation for our children leading into the joy and celebration of Easter. Thank you to the many parents and grandparents who join the children and staff in reflecting on the significant events of Jesus' story.

Easter Raffle

Thank you to all families who contributed so generously through donations to the Easter Raffle. Our Hat Parade on the last day was a very colourful celebration and again thanks to those parents who were able to assist the children in the making of their hats during the last week. Congratulations to all the winners from the raffle.

New Families

This term we welcome the Papalia Family (Evangelina S2 & Antonio S1) to the Holy Family community. We trust that you quickly feel a part of our school community.

Parent and Community Connections

PRG News

Our annual Mother's Day Stall will be held on Thursday the 7th May. Thanks to Michelle Norris for taking on the organising of this activity. Gifts start from \$2. There will also be raffle tickets for sale at the stall which will be set up in the Hall.

Our Mother's Day prayer will be held on Friday 8th May starting at 7:30am. All mothers and grandmothers are invited to join us at this morning celebration.

Our next PRG meeting will be held on Wednesday 6th May at 2:20pm, all parents are warmly invited to attend.

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 28th May, starting at 9.30am with morning tea being served at approximately 10.30am. This year the guest speakers will be the head of the Australian Cancer Council; and other senior members of the Council's executive. This is a significant honour and acknowledges the amount of fundraising and work that is done locally to support the Cancer Council. The organisers have asked if there are any families able to donate cakes, biscuits etc. for this community event it would greatly appreciated.

Enrolling for 2016

The enrolments continue to be open for Kindergarten 2016. If your child turns 5 before the 31st July, 2016 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 2016 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 2015.

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

NAPLAN

From 12-14th 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, 4th 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.

Sport News

Stage 3 Girls Soccer

Diocesan Cross Country is to be run on the 5th 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 29th May with the back up date being 5th June. The carnival will be run at Sales Park. Further information will be sent out shortly.

The Gala Days and dates for Term 2 are:

- 23rd April – S3 Girls Soccer – **POSTPONED due to Wet Weather. Date to be advised.**
- 21st May – S3 Boys Soccer
- 25th June – S2 Boys Soccer

Term at Glance

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



HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL LUDDENHAM

TERM TWO AT A GLANCE

2015

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	FRIDAY Sports Uniform Day Stage 1, 1/2, 2 & Stage 3	SAT SUN
1 Apr	20 th Students Return to School	21 st RFF – S1/2, S2 & ES1	22 nd RFF – S3, S1 & ES1	23 rd Yr6 Leaders @ ANZAC Ceremony	24 th	25 th /26 th Sat – ANZAC Day
2 May	27 th ANZAC Day Prayer 9am in hall	28 th RFF – S1/2, S2 & ES1	29 th RFF – S3, S1 & ES1	30 th Music Bus Branches	1 st	2 nd /3 rd
3	4 th	5 th RFF – S1/2, S2 & ES1 Diocesan Cross Country	6 th RFF – S3, S1 & ES1 PRG Meeting 2.20pm	7 th Music Bus Mother's Day Stall	8 th School Assembly 2.20pm Mother's Day Prayer & Breakfast 7.30am	9 th /10 th Sun - Mother's Day
4	11 th	12 th RFF – S1/2, S2 & ES1 Yr 3 & Yr 5 NAPLAN	13 th RFF – S3, S1 & ES1 Yr 3 & Yr 5 NAPLAN	14 th Music Bus Branches Yr 3 & Yr 5 NAPLAN Ascension Thursday	15 th Crazy Hair Fundraiser	16 th /17 th
5	18 th Week of Prayer of Christian Unity	19 th RFF – S1/2, S2 & ES1 Digital Technologies ICAS	20 th RFF – S3, S1 & ES1	21 st Music Bus Stage 3 Boys Soccer Day	22 nd S2 & S3 Reconciliation 11.30am in Church	23 rd /24 th Pentecost Sunday
6	25 th	26 th RFF – S1/2, S2 & ES1 National Sorry Day	27 th RFF – S3, S1 & ES1	28 th Music Bus Branches House Meetings for Athletics Carnival 2.30pm	29 th School Athletics Carnival	30 th /31 st
7 June	1 st Assembly Awards given at Morning Assembly in hall due to Athletics Carnival	2 nd RFF – S1/2, S2 & ES1	3 rd RFF – S3, S1 & ES1 PRG Meeting 2.20pm Science ICAS	4 th Music Bus Corpus Christi	5 th Back up date for Athletics Carnival	6 th /7 th
8	8 th Queen's Birthday Public Holiday	9 th RFF – S1/2, S2 & ES1 Stage 3 Reports go home	10 th RFF – S3, S1 & ES1	11 th Music Bus Branches	12 th Feast of the Scared Heart 25Years Celebration Whole School Mass and Activities	13 th /14 th Parish 25 Years Celebration
9	15 th ES1 – S2 Reports Go Home Stage 3 Parent Teacher Interviews this week Writing ICAS	16 th RFF – S1/2, S2 & ES1 Spelling ICAS	17 th RFF – S3, S1 & ES1	18 th Music Bus	19 th School Assembly 2.20pm	20 th /21 st
10	22 nd ES1 – S2 Parent Teacher Interviews this week Stage 3 Camp	23 rd RFF – S1/2, S2 & ES1 Stage 3 Camp	24 th RFF – S3, S1 & ES1 Stage 3 Camp	25 th Music Bus Branches Stage 2 Boys Soccer Day	26 th Student's Last Day T2	27 th /28 th