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Monday 13th July

First day of Term 3

Friday 24th July

Scarf & Beanie Day
Disco

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Two weeks ago we had the chance to celebrate our story and journey at our 25th Anniversary Mass and the activity afternoon following the mass. We enjoyed a wonderful day of celebration as a school community. Many past staff were able to attend the mass, including Sr Patty Andrew and Mr Paul Devlin who were members of the original staff in 1990. It was a wonderful opportunity to connect our past with our present.

During the mass we had the privilege to witness the Baptism of Caleb, Ashanti, Nakita and Satayana Guedes. The beginning of their Christian journey reflected the foundation story of school, something Sr Patty spoke of - the hopes and dreams the community had when the school was first established.

Holy Family School has, is and will continue to be a ministry of the parish. The relationship between school and Parish is central to what we do, it is valued, it challenges and sustains us in the work we do to support families in the faith development of their children.

Fr Zvonimir and the Parish team's presence among the children and staff is a gift to our community.

Fr Zvonimir with his weekly visits to classes to witness his faith, the children love the visits and the teaching staff value his presence. He is one of our greatest, most enthusiastic and optimistic supporters.

As a school we are certain of our future because we are secure in our past. Thank you to everyone who joined us to recall our story, relive our journey and celebrate what has been achieved in the past 25 years.

As this is the final newsletter for this term I would like to take the opportunity to thank the Holy Family community for the continuing support of the school and to wish everyone a safe and rest-filled holiday. School will resume on Monday 13th July for all students.

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

Peace and Best Wishes for a wonderful holiday break.

At Holy Family

I Respect Myself

I Respect Others

I Respect the
Environment

Tim Vane-Tempest
Principal

Staffing

Mrs Bartolo has informed me that due to personal reasons she will be unable to continue in her role as the music/drama teacher. This has been a difficult decision for Mrs Bartolo after having worked at Holy Family for the 11½ years. As a community we wish Mrs Bartolo well and thank her for her enthusiastic and dedicated commitment to the children and families during her time here.

Miss Dann has also informed me that she will be taking up a position at Mary Immaculate Primary School at Quakers Hill from early Term 3. We are in the process of appointing a suitable replacement for Miss Dann. We thank Miss Dann for her work at Holy Family School and wish her well in her new position.

Miss Sultana has also informed me that she is taking up a position in Term 3 at another school and will not be continuing as our Japanese teacher. Miss Bunting will return as our Japanese teacher for Term 3. We wish Miss Sultana every success in her new position.

Due to the changes to our RFF staff, there will be a change to the day our Japanese program runs. Japanese will now be taught on Tuesday which will mean Stage 3 will have RFF on Tuesday and Stage 1/2 will move to Wednesday. All other classes will remain unchanged. A reminder of the changes will be sent home at the beginning of Term 3.

Enrolling Now for 2016

The enrolment period for Kindergarten 2016 is open. 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 is 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.

The school office can be contacted on 4773 4485 for an enrolment pack and will be happy to assist with enrolment.

Scarf & Beanie Day/School Disco - 24th July

Our annual fundraiser for the St. Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal will this year be coupled with our school disco. The date for these combined events will be Friday 24th July. Students are encouraged to wear a scarf and beanie as part of their mufti dress. The cost for doing this is a gold coin donation that will go directly to our local St. Vincent de Paul Society, to support local families this Winter. Supporting this event is part of the range of events that we run to support Social Justice initiatives in the school. The gold coin donation should be brought to school on the day and will be collected in class.

The disco will be held in the evening starting at 6pm and ending at 8pm. As is always the case parent assistance is needed to supervise at this event. More information will be shared in early Term 3.

Don't Mess with Marriage

A booklet from the Catholic Bishops of Australia has been sent home today. Please take the time to read this booklet.

Headlice

There has been an outbreak of headlice at Holy Family School. With the school holidays just around the corner it would be the ideal time to treat your child's hair. Treatment is readily available from all pharmacies and supermarkets.

Football Cards

The children were informed this week that football cards and folders were not to return to school after the holidays. We understand the children were really enjoying this hobby but there have been too many incidences where 'trading' has been unfair or misunderstood. Your support in ensuring the folders are left at home next term is greatly appreciated.

Goldfields Camp

Monday

School to Katoomba

Stage 3 left school excited and pumped for our adventure with gold. Our first stop was at Echo point and we saw the Three Sisters. It was a lovely site.

Katoomba to Mt Piper

It was a fun trip to see all of Mt Piper. We learnt about electricity and how it is made. Stage 3 got to take a berry ball home which is used to crush the coal.

Mt Piper to Sofala

At the Mt Piper Power Station we learnt how electricity is made and how it's transferred to our house. In Sofala we took a tour of the town and studied how the different buildings were made and constructed. We went up many stories and there was a great view. We saw the coal get spun and crushed. We got ball bearings which crush the coal .

Sofala to Hill End and Dinner Monday Night

From Sofala to Hill End it was an interesting bus trip. There were lots of kangaroos and bush. Hill End is a very quiet town and has so much history with it. On Monday night the dinner was chicken schnitzel, chips and salad. It was delicious. Monday night was fun and the cabins were a bit small, but it was fun because of all the mess. Once we had finished our dinner we got to have dessert and the dessert was fruit salad, yummy yummy!

After dinner we played half of our Trivia Competition.

Tuesday

Gold Panning

Today we went panning for gold in Tambaroora Creek. Some of us got lucky and found some gold but most of us didn't. The water was cold and panning for gold is not easy.

Tambaroora Cemetery

We visited the cemetery to learn about the history of the gold fields. A lot of children died, the youngest was only 1 month old. They died from things like colds, pneumonia and a lack of good food.

Golden Gully

Golden Gully had rat holes where the miners were trying to find gold. The earth had been eroded by rain, water and wind. Trees were cut down and this made the soil easy to wash away.

Bald Hill Mine

Bald Hill Mine is near the centre of Hill End. We walked though the mine and climbed the ventilation shaft. The ladders were steep and the shaft was narrow. They found no gold in the mine at all.

Town Walk

When we were doing the town walk we had a quiz about the town and the groups that won were 'da boys' and 'team Google' and our prize was a little bit of flake gold.

Hawkins Hill

This is the lookout at the end of the town. You can see the Turin River and the path of the Macquarie River. Hawkins Hill was the place where the richest known deposit of gold was ever found. The Holtermann Specimen was found there.

After dinner we finished playing our game of Trivia and bought some souvenirs. The winning team scored 86 points. The trivia was a lot of fun.

Wednesday

Bathurst Goldfields

Today we drove to Bathurst. We went for a lap around Mt Panorama and then to the Goldfields. We played games from the time of the Goldrush, made damper and mud bricks, heard a lot of the stories of life there as well as panning for gold again. A lot more people found gold today than yesterday.

Heritage Centre

We went to the Heritage Centre and had a sausage sizzle lunch. After that we watched the animal show and saw a sheep get shorn. Then we went to the souvenir shop and then to McDonalds at Lithgow.

Thanks to Mrs Mayer, Mr Bullock, Mrs Whiteman and Mr Vane- Tempest for coming with us and giving us such a great time.



Stage 3 Camp



Academic Achievement Awards

Congratulations Academic Achievement Awards Recipients

Luke Rossetto
Alexander Enman
Mackenzie Robertson
Anna Searle
Audrey Cocks
Nicholas Moore
Saide Massih

Austen Pantazacos
Claudio Mandarano
Rhys McClafferty
Hayden Gill
Matthew Urschel
Alex Hanson
Ryan Azzopardi
Melissa Giugovaz

Alessia Tassone
Lachlan Conneally
Aiden Crawford
Jonathan Xerri
Emily Radisavljevic
Clara Davies
Caleb Guedes



One Heart One Mind Awards

Congratulations One Heart One Mind Awards Recipients

Leila Andrews
Connor Wilson
Carla Dura
Ebony Matulovich
Domenico Lentini
Claudia Mammone
Vincent Grima

Gabriella Timpano
Elias Barikhan
Oscar Zamprogno
Audrey Stubbs
Alex Gouriotis
Elise Tyler
Selina Dura

John Finianos
Kaitlyn Vella
Scott Roots
Tommy Mandarano
Luke Gauci
Harrison Tyler
Samantha Elliott



Uniform Sale

We have limited polo shirts, jumpers and jackets available from the school office at heavily reduced prices.

Sizes available:

Polos - \$15

Sizes 14 & 16

Jumpers - \$20

Sizes 4, 6, 10, 12, 14 & 16

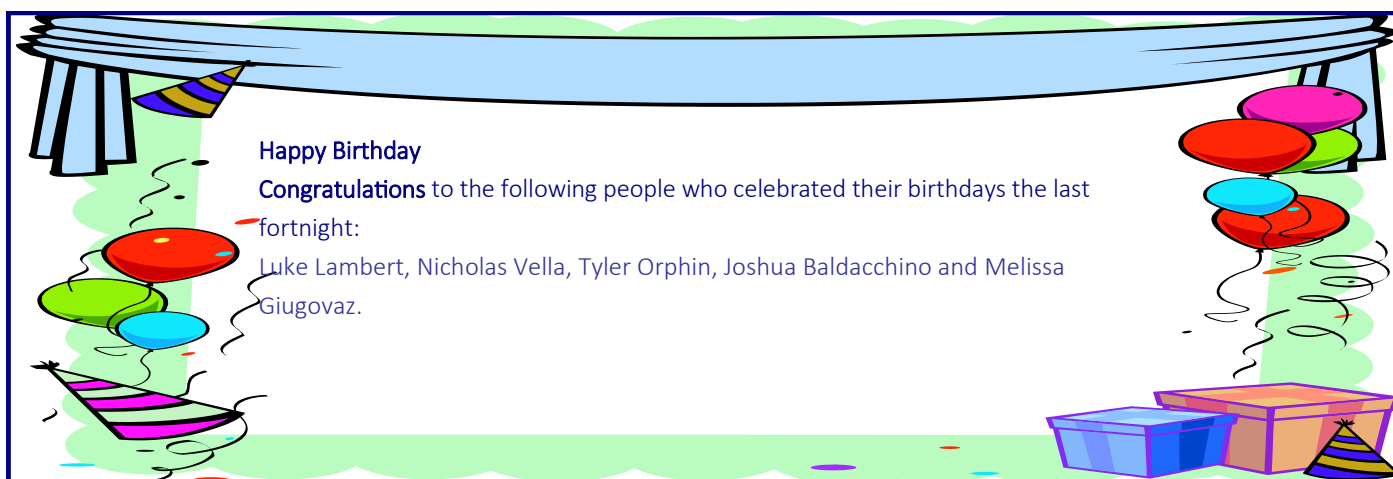
Jackets - \$30

Sizes 4, 6, 8 & 16

School Fees

School fees were due for payment on the 25th May. Thank you to the families who have commenced their Flexible Payment Plan arrangements. Please be advised that unless alternative arrangements have been made with the Principal or myself, fees are payable in accordance with the Diocesan School Fees Policy which states "all fees are due and payable within 30 days of the date the school account statement is issued." If you are having difficulties with the payment of your school fees, I encourage you to contact me on 4773 4485 or mmiller@parra.catholic.edu.au to discuss payment options. The Catholic Education Office is committed to supporting families experiencing genuine financial hardship. Please be assured of complete confidentiality when discussing financial issues. The school fee collection process has commenced on overdue accounts that have not been addressed as above. School fees can be paid by Bpay, Postbillpay, Direct Debit, cash, EFTPOS Credit Card or cheque.

Monica Miller - Finance Officer



Miracles do Happen - Fundraiser

The night is set for Saturday, September 12, 2015 at Penrith Rugby Leagues Club, in 'The Chairman's Lounge', Pepper Stadium. For this night to be a success we are asking for your support. If you can help in the form of sponsorship, donations or entertainment of any kind we would love to hear from you.

Any company or persons who contributes to this evening will be recognised and promoted throughout the night.

Kind regards,

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3 Day Intensive Music Workshop Tone, Technique and Timing

For Boys and Girls aged 9 – 14 who play an Orchestral or Concert Band instrument

Date: July 8, 9 and 10, 2015

Time: 9am – 3:30pm

Christina Creede Music Centre, Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta

Cost: \$300



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