

# BRANCHES

## Holy Family Primary School, Luddenham

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Term 2  
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**Friday 15th May**  
Crazy Hair Day

**Monday 18th May**  
School Photos

**Thursday 21st May**  
Stage 3 Boys Soccer  
Gala Day  
Stage 3 Girls Soccer  
Gala Day

**Friday 29th May**  
Athletics Carnival

**Friday 12th June**  
25th Anniversary  
School Celebrations

**Saturday 13th June**  
25th Anniversary Parish  
Celebrations

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

During the first three of weeks of this term there has been a noticeable increase in the number of children either arriving late or leaving early. Whilst there are times where this may be necessary, it is important that these interruptions are kept to a minimum. Regular and continuous attendance at school is essential for all children to maintain continuity with their learning and assist with sustained progress.

The school day begins with certain routines and activities e.g. prayer, roll call etc. so it is essential that children arrive at school by **8.55am**. The school grounds are open to pupils from 8.35am each morning and remain open to pupils until 3.35pm each afternoon. Children are not supervised prior to 8.35am each morning and after 3.35pm. Parents are requested not to bring children prior to 8.35am or pick them up after 3.35pm.

We start each day with a morning assembly to ensure that all students are greeted and that any important information is shared. It is important that all children are on the assembly with their class and not waiting at the classroom door to meet the teacher. If any parent needs to share information with their child's homeroom teacher this should be done before the morning assembly. Alternatively, if the matter requires more than a quick chat, all staff are more than happy to make an appointment to discuss matters in detail.

Once the assembly has started, all teaching staff have taken responsibility for the care and learning of the children and need to be fully focused on this very important task. Parents who are not acting to assist with exchanging readers or other tasks are asked not to enter the classroom during teaching and learning time. I thank all parents for your assistance with these matters.

Last night I had the pleasure of accompanying our student leaders to a civic reception held at the Evan Theatre at Panthers Penrith. The reception was sponsored by the Penrith City Council to recognise the role of students who have been selected by their peers as being leaders within their communities. Congratulations to our school leaders for the way that you conducted yourselves on Wednesday evening and for the way that you represent Holy Family School in carrying out your responsibilities.

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

Peace and Best Wishes for a wonderful fortnight ahead.

Tim Vane-Tempest  
Principal

### School Photos

School photos will be held next Monday 18th May with full winter uniform to be worn.

Envelopes with payment must be returned to the school office on or before this day. If you have paid online you are not required to return your photo envelope.



### Assembly Awards

Due to the School Athletics Carnival on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2015, there will be no Whole School Assembly. The awards will be distributed at the following Monday Morning Assembly. Letters informing parents of students receiving the awards will still be sent home on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May.

### At Holy Family

I Respect Myself

I Respect Others

I Respect the  
Environment

### Writing Competition for Stage 3

The Australian Catholics Magazine is organising a writing competition for the 2015 Young Journalist Award. Students are required to write a story about someone inspiring in their community. Winning stories can be published and also win prizes. Competition closes on 29<sup>th</sup> May 2015. More details and tips available at the website [australiancatholics.com.au/yja](http://australiancatholics.com.au/yja).



### Teachers as Learners

During the first weeks of this term there has been a lot happening for our teaching staff with their professional learning. Outside of our usual learning at staff meetings Mrs. Bray & Mrs. Brennan have attended the next session in their training as EMU specialist teachers. All staff have been involved in continuing our work in developing the writing skills of children with Mrs. Herron. Mr McCauley has returned from his recent pilgrimage and has shared some of his experiences with the children and staff. Miss Sibbald also attended a follow up training session as our Reading Recovery teacher.

### PRG News

#### Mothers Day Celebrations.

Thank you to all the parent volunteers who assisted at the Mother's Day Stall. This was a very successful event and a special mention to Michelle Norris who coordinated the event. The prayer service in the Hall on Friday morning marked the significance and importance of mothers in the lives of their children but also in the lives of their wider family. It was great to have so many parents and grandparents attend the prayer and from the comments of the children they loved seeing their families sharing these celebrations with them. To all mothers we hope that you enjoyed a great Mothers Day and trust that your toast wasn't burnt, your morning cuppa wasn't cold and the cornflakes weren't soggy!

Thank you to the following who donated some really fantastic prizes:

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Luddenham Newsagency

Joliv Hair Studio

Lillys Flowers, Luddenham

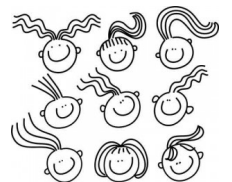
Admire Skin & Laser Clinic

K&CO Hair, Silverdale



#### Crazy Hair/Mufti Day

Tomorrow is our Crazy Hair Mufti Day fundraiser to support "The Miracles Do Happen" initiative in the school. Children are encouraged to come to school and enter into the spirit of the day. The cost for mufti is a \$2 donation.



#### Disco - Change of Date

Our school disco has been moved to Term 3 on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July in the school Hall. The date change is due to a number of events coinciding in Term 2. More information will be provided towards the end of this term.

#### Next PRG Meeting

Our next PRG meeting is on 4<sup>th</sup> June. The main item on the agenda will be the 25th Anniversary of our school. We would love to see as many parents there as possible.

#### Enrolling Now for 2016

Enrolments for Kindergarten 2016 are continuing to be taken. We have had strong interest so far for Kindergarten places for next year. If you have not as yet submitted an enrolment application for a sibling you are encouraged to do so as soon as possible. Enrolment packs are available by contacting Mrs. Edwards or Mrs. Miller in our school office.

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 are continuing to accept applications for enrolment for K-6 for 2015.

## Working With Children Check for Volunteers

We always encourage and are grateful for the presence and support of parents at all of our community-based activities. These include reading helpers, excursions, sporting and cultural events as well as celebration gatherings like Grandparents Day, Mothers Day etc. In recent years NSW Government legislation has changed and now requires that all volunteers are required to have a current Working With Children Check. This check replaces the previous online modules from the Parramatta Catholic Education Office, that many parents completed in the past.



The Working With Children Check is now required for any parents, grandparents etc who volunteer to assist at school based activities. For the purpose of the Working With Children Check a volunteer is someone 18yrs or older and who does not receive payment for their work.

To apply for a Working With Children Check, you must first fill in an online application form, and then present proof of your identity at a NSW Motor Registry, RMS agency, or Service NSW office.

Go to [www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/check](http://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/check) and complete the online application form. If you do not have access to the internet, please telephone (02) 9286 7219 for assistance.

Go to a NSW Motor Registry, RMS agency, or Service NSW office (not your local Council). Find a location at [www.service.nsw.gov.au/service-centre](http://www.service.nsw.gov.au/service-centre).

You will need your application number and proof of your identity. You must have both of these items for your application to proceed.

**It is important to note that there is no cost involved to volunteers in applying for the Working With Children Check.**

## Sports Update

### Athletics Carnival

The school Athletics Carnival will be held on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May, with the backup date being the 5<sup>th</sup> June. The venue is Sales Park. If you are able to assist on the day with the running of the carnival could you please sign and return the slip attached to the information note with this newsletter, indicating in which capacity you will be able to support. We are aware that the school carnival shares the date with the Confirmation mass in the evening. Every effort has been made to avoid this conflict however, despite our attempts to find an alternative, this has not been possible. We look forward to a fantastic day on the 29<sup>th</sup> May.



### Zone Cross Country

Congratulations to all the 42 children who represented Holy Family at the Diocesan Cross Country Carnival last week. They all performed to the best of their ability, with 5 children now going on to represent the Parramatta Diocese at the NSWCPSCC. Congratulations to Jordan Ford (1<sup>st</sup> in 12 years boys), Patrick Vial (4<sup>th</sup> in 11 years boys), Ashleigh Gill (2<sup>nd</sup> in 11 years girls), Haylee Vella (3<sup>rd</sup> in 11 years girls) and Chloe Gill (2<sup>nd</sup> in 10 years girls).

A special thank you to all the parents who helped throughout the day. Your assistance was very much appreciated.



### Stage 3 Soccer

Stage 3 Boys and Girls will be having their gala day next Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May.

All information has been sent home, however, if you require any extra information, please see the office.





# CATHOLIC CULTURE

## HOLY FAMILY PRIMARY SCHOOL



**What an opportunity!**

**Seventeen days travelling through the Holy Land and Italy in order to gain a greater insight and understanding of our faith.**

**35 Religious Education Coordinators from Parramatta diocesan schools left Sydney on April 8<sup>th</sup> for Jordan. In just over two weeks we took in many of the sites mentioned in both the New and Old Testaments of the Bible.**

**To be standing on the shores of the River Jordan at the place where Jesus was baptised by John the Baptist or to be in the tomb and touch the stone on which Jesus' body was laid to rest was simply beyond words.**

**We visited many Churches and holy sites but I think I was most taken by the Christians that we met, such as Rami, our guide in Israel. To witness the passion with which these people talk about their faith was astounding. They belong to such a minority religion in this part of the world and are literally fighting to remain acknowledged and relevant. It made me sit back and take note of what we take for granted with regards to our religious freedom. We are truly very lucky to live where we live and have the freedoms we enjoy.**

**Over the remainder of this term I will be sharing some reflections from my pilgrimage in the hope of making us all aware of the rich history of our church and how privileged we are to live in such a peaceful part of the world.**

**Mr Mac**



## Academic Achievement Awards

### Congratulations Academic Achievement Awards Recipients

Max Azzopardi	Taylah Hosking	Danielle Footit
Lachlan Ponting	Jacob Finianos	Emily Vella
Tahlia Vella	Matthew Azzopardi	Olivia Nand
Mariah Dos Santos	Jackson Zammit	Trinity Cassar
Cameron Vella	Joshua Hodgetts	Hayden Auld
Liam Powderly	Jack Vella	Hayden Cocks
Sara Gleeson	Alyse Penza	
Georgia Calderwood	Taylse Pantazakos	



## One Heart One Mind Awards

### Congratulations One Heart One Mind Awards Recipients

Talia Evans	Charlene Camilleri	Siena Miliambro
Deanna Agius	Hayden Krone	Darcy Lumtin
Veronica Tadros	Jessica Gattellari	Jack Buhac
Satyana Guedes	Alexandria Pelle	Emily Borg
Leo Finianos	Josh Obereigner	Paige Krone
Athum Athum	Andrea Surace	Amelia Vella
Madyn Glover	Sarah Bartolo	
Christian Hanson	Concetta Coletta	



### 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

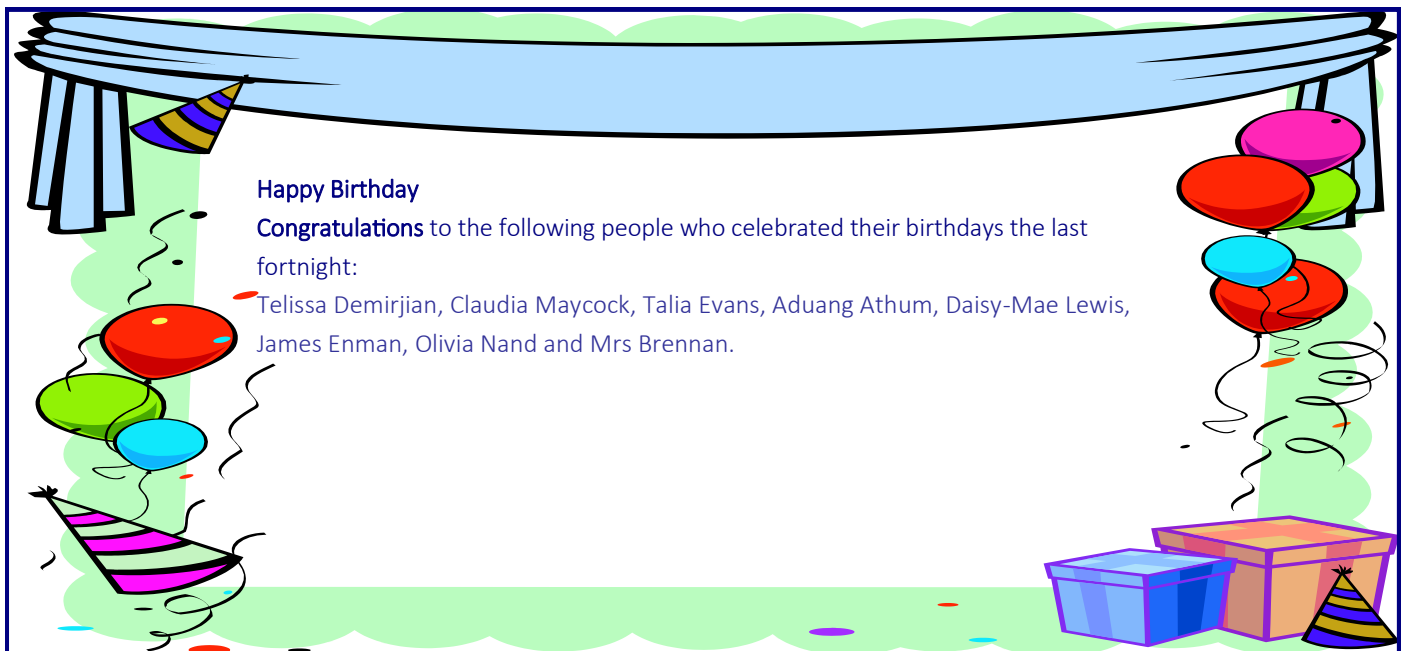
*Jackets - \$30*

Sizes 4, 6, 8 & 16

### School Fees

School fee statements have been sent home and are due for payment by 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](mailto: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,

Lisa Blackhurst, Monica Macri and Melinda Mandarano.

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*Holy Family Primary School,  
Luddenham*

*25th Anniversary*

*Mass & Morning Tea*

*Friday 12th June*

*9.15am in the Church*

*Followed by Morning Tea in the School Hall*

*RSVP - 22nd May to*

*Marie, Monica or Despina in the School Office*

*For further information contact the*

*School Office on 4773 4485*

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McCarthy Catholic College  
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## Trade Training Centre

**INFORMATION EVENING FOR YEAR 11, 2016:**

**Date:** Wednesday 3 June 2015

**Time:** 6:00pm - 7:30pm

Start your trade and complete your HSC –  
with **no** external examinations

**Trades offered:**

Automotive	Bricklaying
Electrical	Hairdressing
Childcare	Hospitality
Carpentry	Metal Fabrication

Enrolment Enquiries:

Mrs Katrina Gill - 4735 3211 (Option 1)





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