

BRANCHES

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Term 3

17th September 2015

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Friday 18th September

Team Colours Mufti Day

Stage 3 Touch Gala Day

Last Day of Term 3

Tuesday 6th October

First Day of Term 4

Wednesday 7th October

2.20pm - PRG Meeting

Miracles Do Happen

What an outstanding night for our benefit night on Saturday just gone. Congratulations to those who were involved in the development and organisation of this event. It was a great night of community connection, and in some cases reconnection, for a great cause. Thanks goes to Monica Macri, Lisa Blackhurst and Melinda Mandarano who were the driving force behind this event. There were many businesses, organisations and individuals who sponsored the night, our thanks to you for your generosity. A full list of these businesses and individuals has been sent home today. If you have need of their service please consider one of these companies.



Father's Day Prayer and Breakfast

The Father's Day Prayer and Breakfast was a wonderful celebration that continues to grow from year to year. I am very appreciative of all the fathers who were able to make it to the celebration. It is often difficult to find the time in our busy lives with all the associated pressures placed on us. I know the children really love it when they have the chance to see their dads at school at any time but especially at an important celebration such as this.

I would like to acknowledge the children, mothers and staff who also attended to celebrate the role our fathers play in the raising of their children. My thanks to Mr. McCauley and the RE team who prepared the prayer and breakfast.

The Father's Day stall was held last Thursday and was very successful. Thank you to Michelle Norris and her band of helpers who organised the gifts. Thank you to the many mothers who assisted at the stall. The Father's Day raffle was also drawn with the lucky winners being:

Ladder - Jessica Gattellari

Puma Bag - James Wakeling

Parramatta Game Tickets (4) - Amelia Hearne

\$50 St John's Bowling Club Voucher - Davor Franich

\$50 St John's Bowling Club Voucher - Emily Vella

Nando's Meat Voucher - Saide Massih

\$25 Luddenham Village Café Voucher - Zac Obereigner

Basket - Concetta Coletta

Basket - Jesse Favotto

Tool Set - Mia Hosking

Car Kit - Joshua Hodgetts



Basket - Mrs Miller

Basket - Zara Reynolds

As this is the final edition of Branches for Term 3, I would like to take the opportunity to thank all families for their on going support of Holy Family School and the work that continues to be done to provide opportunities for the children. Term 3 has been an extremely busy one with many highlights. I wish you all a wonderfully relaxing time with family and friends. School will resume on Tuesday 6th October for all students.

Peace and Best Wishes for a wonderful break ahead.

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

Tim Vane-Tempest
Principal

At Holy Family

I Respect Myself

I Respect Others

I Respect the
Environment

Regular Attendance at School

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 the playground gate is locked at 9:05am. In the afternoon the gate is opened at 3:10pm and remains open to pupils until 3:35pm. Children are not supervised prior to 8:35am 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.

Protocols if your child arrives after 9:00am

If your child arrives after the school day has begun please accompany them to the school office to sign them in. Children should not attend the school office unaccompanied if they arrive after 9:00am.

If your child is absent from school for any reason it is appreciated if contact is made with the school to notify of the absence. On return to school, it is necessary that a note or doctor's certificate is sent explaining the absence.

For planned absences please apply well in advance by sending a note to the principal, including the dates, so that request can be considered.

I thank all parents for your assistance with these matters.

Team Colours Mufti Day

Friday 18th September will be a Team Colours Mufti Day. Support your team by wearing your colours and at the same time support those in need in our community.

A gold coin donation is the price of mufti with the funds raised being donated to the 'Miracles Do Happen' event.

At all times the safety of each child is paramount regardless of the activity they are engaged in. This remains the case with mufti days as well.

For this reason it is important that all children wear:

- covered shoes which are flat so that they can safely move around the playground
- a shirt or top that has sleeves
- a hat

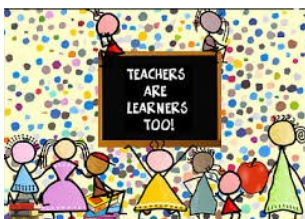


It is essential that children come appropriately dressed for the day so please consider the weather conditions and sun protection.

Teachers as Learners

In the past two weeks staff have continued to be actively engaged in their professional developing and learning.

Mrs Whiteman, Mrs Brennan, Miss Bunting and Mr Vane-Tempest attended Peer Review, which is the process all schools in the Parramatta Diocese undertake to ensure that we are providing quality learning opportunities for the children in our care. I am pleased to say that we received great feedback on the learning opportunities that are being offered at HFS. Well done to our staff on their work everyday in achieving this positive feedback.



Mrs Bray completed her training as an EMU Specialist teacher. Also Mr. Bullock, Mrs Mayer and Mr. McCauley attended the third session of the Yrs 3-6 Writing program.

Penrith City Junior Mayor

Jesse Penza continued her duties as the Penrith Junior Mayor at the St Mary's Festival. As always Jesse was a wonderful representative for our school community and we again congratulate her on receiving this honour.



Cyber Safety Posters

As we head to the holidays and many of the children will have access to various technologies this is a timely reminder about the importance of keeping them safe online. Cyber safety is and continues to be a topical matter for all parents and their children. This week a poster will be displayed around our classrooms and school buildings reminding everyone of the importance of being CyberWise.

The central message of the poster is for all users of technology to Be Safe, Be Respectful and Be Responsible in the way that technology is used. Just as we do with road safety and stranger danger, all parents are encouraged to take the time to discuss this important matter with their children in order to keep them safe when using technology.



Summer Uniform

At the beginning of next term children should be in their summer uniform. It was communicated that students may start to wear their Summer uniform from now. The Uniform is available through Lowes at Penrith. It is as follows:

Summer

Girls:

Check dress with navy tab tie

Plain, short white socks

Black shoes (those which can be polished, no joggers or skate shoes)

Hair ribbons may be red or navy blue

Navy school hat

Boys:

Blue shirt (short sleeved)

Navy shorts (cargo shorts are not permitted)

Short navy socks

Black shoes (those which can be polished – no joggers or skate shoes)

Navy school hat



Snake Warning

As the weather has warmed up there is an increased chance of snakes being sighted/present in the school grounds. Whilst no snakes have, as yet, entered into the playground or classroom areas it is timely to remind the children of safety around snakes. This is especially important as when we return to school it is a prime time for snakes to become more active. Included is the procedure that we have in place to manage this situation should it eventuate.



In the event of a snake being sighted in or near School buildings or the playground, the school Office should be notified. Children who would be at risk, will be moved to a safe area. With one adult watching the snake's movements another adult will secure the area to contain or observe the snake's movements.

At no time is any person from the school (students, staff, parent or visitor) to attempt to handle the snake.

WIRES will be contacted immediately.

Past Student News

We have just heard that one of our past students, Audrey Sproule, has been awarded Dux of McCarthy College, Emu Plains.

It is always great to hear of the successes of former students. Congratulations to all who have played a part in the success of Audrey. We wish her every success as she begins the next part of her journey.

Captivate Choir

On Monday the 7th of September Captivate's Choir went to St Dominic's College to perform a number of songs and dances. Our favourite performances from the night were "Here You Lie" a song dedicated to the Anzacs and "You Can't Stop The Beat" from Hairspray, which Mrs. Mayer conducted. Around 30 students from Stage 2 and Stage 3 went to represent Holy Family at this wonderful event. We all had so much fun and performed our very best. Thank you to the staff and our family and friends who supported us and came to watch us perform.

By Riley Agius and Amelia Vella.



SPORTS NEWS

St. Nicholas Netball Gala Day

What a fantastic Gala Day! Congratulations again to all the children for playing their best and showing great sportsmanship. We were very proud of you all.

A huge thank you to Amy Hosking, Olivia Cefai, Chris Sheil, Julie Giugovaz and Margo Woodhead who coached the children during lunchtime and after school in the weeks leading up to the carnival as well on the day. Thank you to the other managers of the teams on the day: Lisa Blackhurst, Tanya Baldacchino, Paris Mayer and Sherone Cassar. Thank you also to those who helped score or cheer on the day. Everyone, along with the sunny weather, helped make the day a great success. Thank you.

Stage 3 Touch Footy

Stage 3 Boys and Girls will be attending their gala day tomorrow at St Mary's, The Kingsway. We have 3 teams attending and wish them all the best of luck. Remember to play your best, encourage your team mates and have a fun day.

Term 4 - Stage 3 Basketball

Stage 3 children are currently training with Mr Vane-Tempest in preparation for their gala day on 20th October (Week 3). A permission note is being sent home today. Please return the note with the money by the end of the first week back next term. Any questions please don't hesitate to see me.



Nicole Bray
Sports Coordinator

Commonwealth Bank School Banking Update

Following the decision last month to recall the Cosmic Light Beam Torch due to a potential safety issue, a decision has been made to also withdraw the upcoming Lunar Light Band reward from the School Banking Rewards Program. To avoid disappointment there is a new reward item available for redemption in Term 4 while stocks last. Students can now test their skills with a game of frisbee with the new Galaxy Glider! Once students have collected 10 tokens, they can simply include a note, along with their 10 tokens in their deposit wallet on banking day to advise that they would like to redeem their tokens for the Galaxy Glider reward item. Don't forget the Outer Space Savers Money Box is also available in Term 4.

Academic Achievement Awards

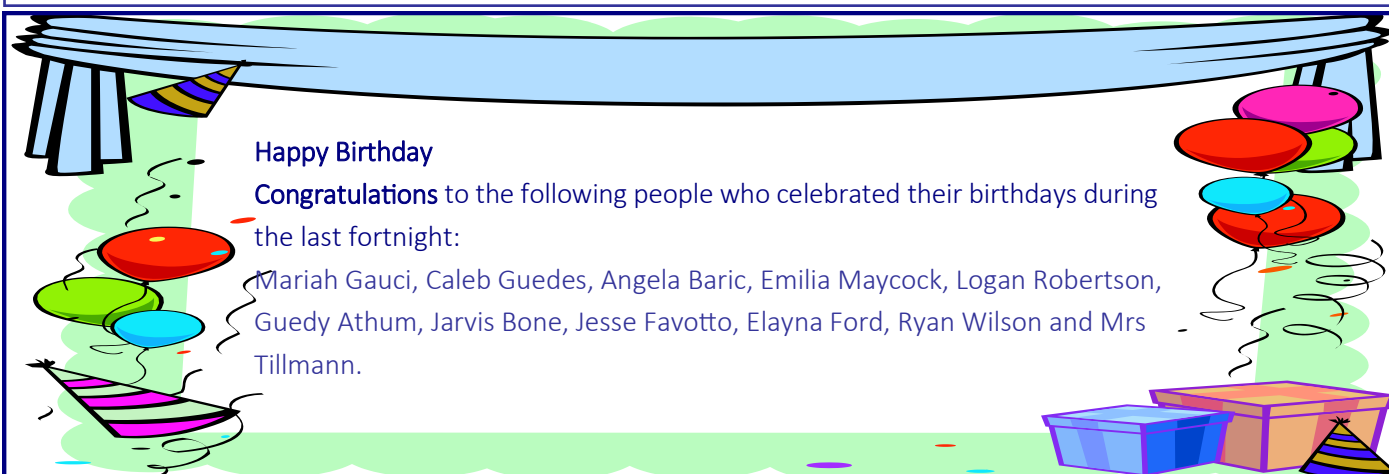
Congratulations Academic Achievement Awards Recipients

Hayden Gunther Tahlee Lewin Veronica Tadros Harrison O'Hara Elise Fenech Tiahna Scicluna Cody Bhana Dominic Finianos	William Baldacchino Olivia Azzopardi Nathan Attard Riley Talbot Lachlan Urschel Sarah Bartolo Owen McClafferty Joshua Baldacchino	Max Blackhurst Steven Borg Emily Obereigner Jeremy Baldacchino Ruby Bone Marco Corbo
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One Heart One Mind Awards

Congratulations One Heart One Mind Awards Recipients

Max Azzopardi Lachlan Ponting Daniela Finianos Darbbey Vella Maia Rzepecki Madison Park Harry Gauci Skye Bruni	Sarah Macri Amy Sant Gloria Gauci Emily Woodhead Achala Athum Gabrielle Gattellari Joshua Hodgetts Chloe Gill	Josh Lewin Haylee Vella Emily Radisavljevic Nicholas Refalo Hayden Auld Hayden Cocks
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Catherine McAuley Westmead

School Open Morning

9.15 – 11am

Tuesday 3rd November 2015

Enrolments for Year 7 2017

Catherine McAuley is now accepting enrolments for Year 7 2017.

Each year the demand for places at Catherine McAuley exceeds what is available. Join us on either of our two upcoming school tours especially for Year 7 2017 applicants but open to any year group.

Our Open Morning is a great opportunity to tour around our school grounds, view our fantastic facilities and meet our students and teachers. You will have the opportunity to go into classrooms and see them in action. Both children and adults are most welcome.

Please contact School Reception on 9849 9100 if you would like to attend. Our school tours will leave at 9.15am and car parking will be available in the visitor's car parking area via Gate 3 from 9am onwards. Ask for details when making your booking.



Join Our Team

NAB AFL AUSKICK AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM COMING TO YOUR SCHOOL



NAB AFL Auskick is a great way to have fun,
meet new friends and get active.



Holy Family Primary AFL Auskick Centre After School

Venue; (SchoolOval)

Each Thursday starting 19th November until 10th December from 3:30pm to 4:30pm.

Your child will enjoy a safe, fun, action-packed 4 week program of games and skill development, ideal for boys and girls aged 4-12 for only **\$40**.

To register visit www.AFLAUSKICK.com.au

or register in person at the first session. Payment via cash or cheque is also accepted.

For more information contact:

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