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Term 4
15th October 2015
Issue 16, Week 2

Monday 19th October
Stage 2 Excursion

Tuesday 20th October
Stage 3 Basketball

Friday 23rd October
2.20pm - Whole School
Assembly

Tuesday 27th October
Special Food Day

**Thursday 29th October and
5th November**
Kinder 2016 Orientation

Friday 30th October
School Disco

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

In last Sunday's Gospel reading we were set a task that challenges many of us. In Mark 10: 17-30, Jesus challenged a man who was following all the commandments, but who spent his life acquiring money and wealth. Jesus challenged him to look at other things that endure and sustain. Things that give us a different type of wealth. What is your life's mission – to be like the man challenged in the Gospel, gathering money as his sense of worth? Or is it following in Jesus' footsteps, being there for other people? During the times when we remember those people who have passed away, do we remember their acquired wealth or do we remember the person and what they have done in this world. When I think of my father and grandparents I think about my relationship with them and how much I miss the opportunity to speak with them and ask for advice and guidance.

Term 4 is a very important term to continue to build on the great work that has been completed to this point in the year.

Each morning we remind the children about the need to maintain the high standards they have set so far this year, particularly in regards to student learning and our school expectations.

In the early part of this term there has been an increased number of students arriving late to school and leaving early. It is important that all students are at school on time and prepared for learning. Regular attendance at school is essential for establishing good learning routines and it also supports sustained learning progress.

I would ask all parents continue to support the school by reminding each of the children of our school expectations:

I Respect Myself

I Respect Others

I Respect the Environment

I Respect Learning



These expectations form the basis for the way that all those who visit or work in our school are welcomed and treated. The expectations are prominently displayed around our playground and school buildings as a constant reminder to us all. I would ask all parents to continue to make some time to discuss these rules with your children.

As a community we are reminded that many of our families have children engaged in the HSC, which began on Monday of this week. We pray for them and trust that they have calm hearts, clear minds, are rewarded for their efforts, and strengthened by the prayerful support of our School and Parish community.

Class overviews have been sent home today to assist you in knowing what is happening for your children and their learning during Term 4.

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

Peace and best wishes

Tim Vane-Tempest
Principal

At Holy Family

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School Uniform

The Uniform is available through Lowes at Penrith and is as follows:

Summer	Worn 1st and 4th Terms
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



PRG Meeting

The next PRG meeting will be held on Wednesday, 4th November at 2:20pm in the Administration Building. All parents are warmly invited to attend.

Sport Update

Basketball

Best wishes to our Stage 3 basketball teams that will participate at the Parramatta Diocesan Gala Day on Tuesday of next week. The teams have been preparing since the end of Term 3 and are looking forward to a successful and enjoyable day. Mrs Steele and Mrs Mayer will accompany the teams on the day.



Snake Warning

As the weather warms up there is an increased chance that snakes may be sighted along the boundary of the school and 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 at a prime time for snakes to become more active. Included is the procedure that we have in place to manage this eventuality.

In the event of a snake being sighted in or near School buildings or the playground the school Office should be notified and children who would be at risk will be moved to a safe area. With one adult watching the snake's movements another adult should close (but not lock) doors and windows to contain the snake to a defined area.

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.



Help Needed – Sorting Readers for Reading in Literacy

As you may be aware, we have over the last few years purchased readers for use in our Guided Reading Sessions in Literacy. This added to the collection we already had. We are in urgent need of sorting the readers in the library so they can be optimised in the classrooms. This will then allow an updating of individual readers for home use also.

Mel Ponting has volunteered to assist in this large task on a Thursday and Friday morning starting next week. A big thank you in advance for her doing this. If anyone is able to assist us in this, could they please let Jodie Sibbald know – even if these times do not suit.

Also, if we could take some time at home to look for any lost readers and return them this will also assist in ensuring we have quality reading packs consistently for our children.

Parent Information Session – How children learn to write and how to help at home?

On Tuesday 3rd November at 6pm we will be holding a parent information session about writing. This session will focus on how children learn to write, so mainly the K-2 children. We will also discuss the way we cater for this learning in our Focus 160 Literacy Block. The last part of the session will be on ways you can assist your child at home with developing their writing. Please leave your name, child's name and child's grade on the list at the office if you are interested in attending the session.



Celebrating Writing at HFS

At the end of Term 3 and the start of this term we had an opportunity for ACU students of teaching to work with some students on developing their writing. The work culminated into the students completing a text demonstrating their editing, re-crafting and publishing skills. Some of the children's masterpieces will be on display in the Library and also at the Whole School Assembly next week should you wish to view these great achievements.

Whole School Assemblies and Special Presentations

This term, Whole School Assemblies will take place as normal on Fridays at 2.20pm during Weeks 3, 6 & 9. This term Principal Medallions will be given to some of our Year 6 children during these assemblies. We will also be awarding the ICAS awards at Week 3 Assembly and the Premier's Reading Challenge Awards at Week 6 Assembly.



Happy Birthday

Congratulations to the following people who celebrated their birthdays during the last fortnight:

Haylee Vella, Julia Krilich, Alessia Tassone, Leila Andrews, Madison Park, Joshua Hodgetts, Jacob Finianos, Georgia Railton, Olivia Vella, Bronte Lago, Ayden Nutley, Claudia Mammone, Sarah Macri, Deanna Agius, Mark Taylor, Indiyarna Cefai, Jacob Davies, Alyse Penza, Christian Miliambro, Nicholas Moore, Mackenzie Beukers, Siena Miliambro, Mrs Stein and Miss Bunting.



Nepean Community & Neighbourhood Services

Below are Parenting Workshops and Groups being held in Term 4 by The Nepean Community & Neighbourhood Services.

PARENTING WORKSHOPS & GROUPS

Triple P Group: Positive Parenting Program for parents of children 2 -12yo. Build positive relationships, make parenting more enjoyable. Book for workshop / child-minding. 5 sessions.	Tues 10am-12:15pm 27 Oct - 24th Nov	Koolyangarra, cnr Pendock Way & Kington Pl, Cranebrook. Narelle: 0409 986 121
Teen Triple P Group: Extension of Triple P for teens. Bookings required. 5 sessions.	Wed 10am-12:15pm 21 Oct-18 Nov	Impingar Centre, 71 Henry Lawson Avenue, Werrington County, NSW 2747
Stepping Stones Triple P seminars: For parents of children with disabilities. These are seminars NOT a group. Feel free to attend any or all. Child minding available, please book in advance.	Tues 10am-12pm 23/10, 30/10, 6/11	South Penrith Neighbourhood Centre 3 Trent St. Narelle: 0409 986 121
Triple P - Additional Modules: Coping with your anger, Parent Traps, Coping skills, Partner support, Disaster recovery, Stepping Stones primary care, Family transitions. By appointment	By appointment (Daytime)	Narelle: 0409 986 121
Cool Little Kids: treatment programme for parents of children 3-8 years who are excessively shy or demonstrating anxiety at home and in the community. 4 sessions over 5 weeks.	Fri 10am-12pm 22 Oct - 12 Nov	South Penrith Neighbourhood Centre 3 Trent St. Narelle: 0409 986 121
ADHD Information Workshop: A one hour seminar on for parents who want to know more on ADHD. The special guest is a parent who has four children with ADHD	Friday 10am-12pm Fri 16th Oct	Floribunda Community Centre, Glenmore Park J Narelle: 0409 986 121
ADHD Parent Support Group: Monday night support group - not weekly please note dates: 20 July, 17 August, 21 September. Monday nights 7:30-9:30pm.	Mon 7:30-9:30pm 20/7, 17/8, 21/9	South Penrith Neighbourhood Centre 3 Trent St. Narelle: 0409 986 121
Aboriginal Carers Group: Are you looking after an Aboriginal child or young person? (For both Koori & Non-Koori carers). Our aim is to help kids stay linked into their culture. Ring for transport.	1st Mon of the month, 10am - 1pm	Koolyangarra Aboriginal Child & Family Centre, Cranebrook. Bronwyn: 4729 3907
Family Support/Case management: Eligible Aboriginal families can access our Brighter Futures or Indigenous Parenting family support programs	Monday - Friday 8.30am - 4pm	Donna or Natasha: 4702 6488
NDIS Information session:	Thurs 8 Oct 10am - 12pm	Cranebrook Neighbourhood Centre Trudy: 4729 3907
Special Playtime: Helps parents build a relationship with their child through play, to reduce negative patterns of interacting and increase co-operation.	Friday 13 Nov 10am - 12pm	South Penrith Neighbourhood Centre 3 Trent St. Narelle: 0409 986 121
Western Sydney GrandCarers: Social support group for grandparents with full time care of their grandchildren	1st & 3rd Fridays 10.30am - 1.30pm	South Penrith Neighbourhood Centre Cheryl: 0403 151 414

NCNS LOCATIONS

HEAD OFFICE: South Penrith Neighbourhood Centre
3 Trent St, South Penrith NSW 2750
Phone: (02) 4721 8520

Floribunda Community Centre
1 Floribunda Ave, Glenmore Park NSW 2745
Phone: (02) 4733 1499

Koolyangarra Aboriginal Child & Family Centre
1 Kington Place, Cranebrook NSW 2749
Phone: (02) 4729 3907

Cranebrook Neighbourhood Centre
Hosking St, Cranebrook NSW 2749
Phone: (02) 4729 0442

Impingar Centre
71 Henry Lawson Ave, Werrington County NSW 2747
Phone: (02) 4702 6488

North Penrith Community Centre (Kingswood Park)
66B Illawong Ave, Penrith NSW 2749
Phone: (02) 4721 0507

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: (School Oval)
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:
Sophie McKibben on 8867 7403
or sophie.mckibben@aflnswact.com.au

“Love is our Mission”

The Theme for us



DIOCESAN FAMILY SUNDAY **Sunday, 18th October 2015**

Parish Celebrations

Family Sunday will be celebrated at Masses in every Parish.

Afternoon Family Gathering

Time: 2.30pm – 6pm

Where: MacKillop Centre,
cnr Swanston & Collins St, St Marys

Talks will cover:

- Testimonies from Parramatta Diocese World Meeting of Families delegates
- Synod on the Family Update
- Blesseds Louis and Zélie Martin, (parents of St Therese) who will be canonised on October 18

Children will have their own activities on-site.

Sausage sizzle at the conclusion of the event.



Family and Life Office

Enquiries to

famlife@parra.catholic.org.au or 8838 3440

**Saturday 24th to Sunday 25th
October 2015
9:30am - 4pm**

Adults \$6 • Concession \$4 • Children \$2

Doll Bear Craft Show

27th Annual

FEATURING:

- Unique Handmade Products
- Reborn Dolls
- Dolls and Accessories
- Wooden Toys and Furniture
- Doll's Houses and Supplies
- Teddy Bear and Making Supplies
- Aromatherapy • Jewellery, Craft

**For more information call 4731 3000
or visit www.dollbearcraftfair.com.au**

Museum of Fire, 1 Museum Drive, Parramatta.
The Museum of Fire is a Registered Charity