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Term 4

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Tuesday 4th Nov

Melbourne Cup Day
Lunch in Hall (Parish)

Wednesday 5th Nov

2.20pm - PRG Meeting

Thursday 6th Nov

Kinder Orientation
Day 2

Friday 7th Nov

9.30am - Stage 2 &
Stage 3 Mass (please
note change of date)

Friday 14th November

Stage 2 Excursion
2.20pm - Whole School
Assembly

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

This weekend as a Catholic Community we celebrate All Saints Day and All Souls Day. All Saints Day is the day on which we celebrate all the saints, known and unknown and All Souls Day where we remember those who have died. On reflection leading up to these events in the Church calendar it is important to remember the roles saints play in our lives as Christians.

As we move forward day by day through our life, they are there to guide us safely. They do this by the quality and courage with which they have lived their own grace-filled lives. We have our own saint in Mary MacKillop who has been heralded widely for many years in Australia. There are other great saints known to all of us for various reasons. In times of war and conflict there are saints like Francis of Assisi who remind us of Christ's call to reconciliation. In times of terror and persecution there are saints like Maximilian Kolbe who teach us through the example of quiet courage. Or perhaps Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta who found richness in poverty, and fulfillment in humble acts of service.

Then there are the hidden everyday saints of our daily lives, those who, unknowingly, have inspired us. Everybody knows a quiet saint who will never be canonised but who has shown us something of how to live as a follower of Christ. These are the people whose faith leads them to be generous, kind, patient and full of hope.

What gives these people strength is their faith. Saints are not inspired necessarily by a cause, or motivated by ideals. Saints are people who have been able to know God's love, and by entering more deeply into it, they have been given grace. It is tempting to think of saints as people who are very different from ourselves. The real challenge of the saints is that at one point in their lives they were very much like us.

All Saints Prayer

*Father, All-Powerful and ever-living God,
today we rejoice in the holy men and women
of every time and place.*

*May their prayers bring us your forgiveness and love
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

At Holy Family

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

I Respect Myself

Peace and best wishes

I Respect Others

I Respect the
Environment

Jodie Sibbald
Acting Principal

Children not returning in 2015

As a school we are required to maintain our register of students so that it is accurate for the students who are enrolled at Holy Family School. As we approach the end of the year families make decisions about schooling for the coming school year. If there are families who are not returning to Holy Family School in 2015 it is important to inform the school, in writing, about your intention. This assists with the organisation of class and homeroom groupings for next year. It also assists us with enrolment enquiries, which we are receiving for 2015.

Adidas Mini Olympics

The incentive prizes for the Mini Olympics will be distributed in the next couple of weeks. An award will be presented to the student and class that were the highest fundraisers at the next Whole School Assembly (Week 6). Thank you for your support.

Food Allergies

Over the past two weeks we have had a number of incidents of children sharing food in the playground. Whilst this may appear to be a generous act there is a real concern about children's allergies and the possibility of a severe reaction to foods. Whilst we endeavor to minimise the possible impacts of allergic reactions to foods at school, we encourage the children to eat only their own food, wash their hands after eating and to avoid bringing nut-based food to school. I would ask all parents to support the school and speak with their child/ren about this matter for the safety and well being of all at Holy Family School.

Disco

Thank you to Chris Sheil for organising our school disco held last Friday. We raised over \$650! What a great effort. Thank you also to all the parent helpers on the night.

Academic Achievement Awards

Claudio Mandarano
Ethan Price
Tyler Orphin
Logan Robertson
Jack O'Mahony
Matthew Urschel
Matilda Fagan
Joshua Hodgetts
Talyse Pantazakos
Gloria Gauci
Brianna Parkinson

Austen Pantazacos
Emily Woodhead
Leo Finianos
Claudia Maycock
Claudia Mammone
Riley Talbot
Emily Ciber
Sienna Miliambro
Joshua Lewin
Ryan Azzopardi
Jonathan Xerri

Caterina Furfaro
Jayce Scicluna
Dylan Mizzi
Wyatt Lewis
Joel Ciber
Alexandra Zadrozny
Harrison Stubbs
Harry Mason
Amelia Vella
Brock Heiler



Congratulations Academic Achievement Awards Recipients

One Heart One Mind Awards

Alisha Whitaker
Taylah Hosking
Tiahna Scicluna
Jessica Gattellari
Thomas Searle
Jackson Zammit
Nicholas Moore
Mariam Tadros
Audrey Cocks
Elise Tyler
Gabby Brajuha

Heath Morgan
Davor Franich
Saide Massih
Annalise Surace
Marcus Reynolds
Joseph Camilleri
Youssef Tadros
Tommy Mandarano
Jacob Zadrozny
Elliot Stubbs
Max Blackhurst

Jeremy Baldacchino
Anthony Miliambro
Jordan Ford
Daisy-Mae Lewis
Samantha Elliott
Marco Corbo
Mia Hosking
Cassie Tripodi
Cameron Gill
Leyton Pantazacos



School fees are now overdue

Please be advised that unless alternative arrangements have been made with the Principal or myself, **2014 fees are now overdue.** If you are having difficulties with the payment of your school fees, it is important that you contact me to discuss payment options. The Catholic Education Office is committed to supporting families experiencing genuine financial hardship.

Outstanding accounts without prior arrangements in place, are to be escalated to the Catholic Education Office School Fees Unit for their attention. School fees can be paid by Bpay, Postbillpay, Direct Debit, cash, EFTPOS or cheque.

Monica Miller

The Children's Garden

We have set up seven gardens for the students to plant fruit and vegetables. We are in need of the following:

- Clean, empty margarine/butter tubs
- Empty strawberries/cherry tomato punnets
- Any donations of seeds/seedlings

Thank you

Stage 3 Basketball Gala Day

On Tuesday 21st October, I had the privilege of taking 30 Stage 3 students to the Parramatta Diocesan Primary Schools Basketball Day held at Penrith Valley Sports Stadium.

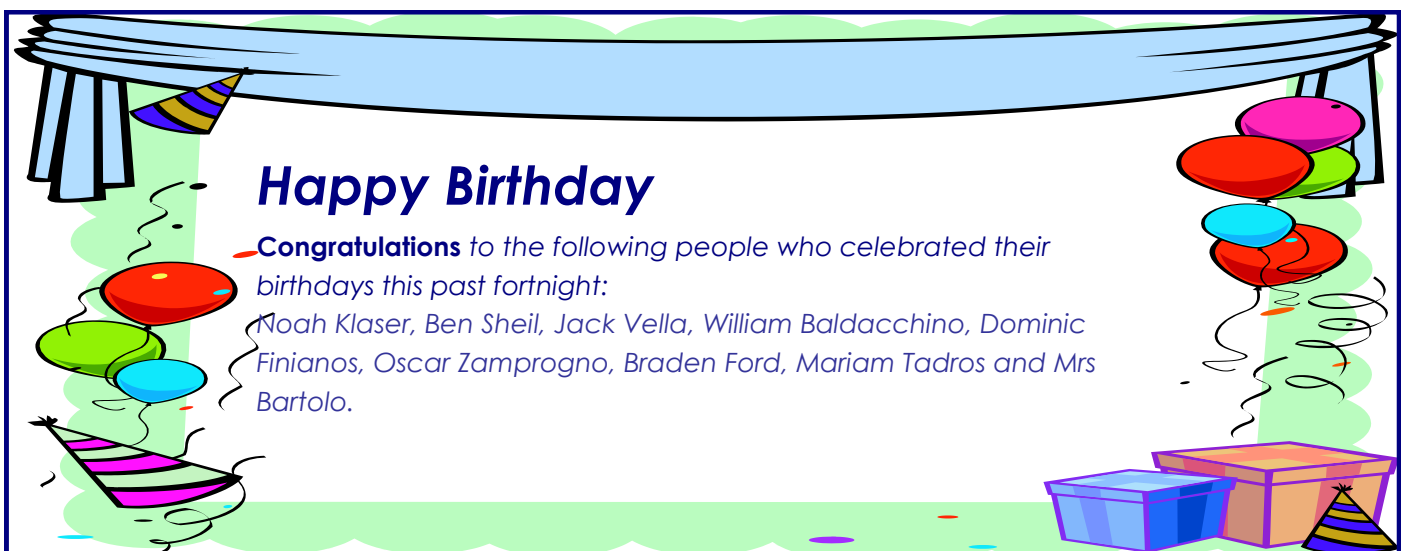
It was a successful day and our children represented Holy Family with pride. They were well behaved, made an excellent cheer squad for each other and had lots of fun along the way. Our three teams are to be commended for their enthusiasm, team spirit and great sportsmanship.

I would like to thank Mrs Bray and Mr McCauley for their help in organising the day. Thank you to Mrs Tillman for coaching and supporting our students. Thank you to all the families who came to support our three teams throughout the day. It was great to share this fantastic sporting event with you all.

I would like to say a huge thank you to the following parents who gave up their time to support our teams. Your support was very much appreciated and I know that the children really valued having you there. Thank you to Mrs Heiler and Mr Astruc for coaching our teams. Thank you to Mrs Stubbs, Mrs Mizzi and Mrs Vella who helped out with scoring during the games. I would also like to thank Samantha Roots, Scott's older sister, who was a great help to our girls' team.

Most of all, I would like to thank each and every member of our three Stage 3 basketball teams. It was a reminder that while Holy Family might be a small school in our diocese, we definitely know how to be fair and respectful team players, work as a team and have fun to make it an enjoyable event for everyone!

Megan Bunting





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2015 Parramatta Diocesan Team Sport Trials

Any Primary students enrolled in Year 5 and 6 in 2015 are invited to participate in the Inter-Diocesan MacKillop Primary School team sports trials during Term Four in 2014 and Term One in 2015. Parramatta Diocesan trials will be held in the following sports:

*AFL (boys), Basketball (B&G), Cricket (B&G), Diving (B&G), Hockey (B&G), Football (B&G), Golf (B&G), Hockey (B&G), Netball (girls), Rugby League (11yrs & Opens), Rugby Union (boys), Softball (B&G), Tennis (B&G), & Touch(B&G).

To be eligible for selection for these trials an Online Team Registration Form must be completed that can be accessed via the website www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au. This online form is an **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST** for the 2015 Parramatta Diocesan Primary Sport Team trials. You may complete this form to attend a selection trial or if you have been selected in a representative squad or team. One form is to be completed per child, per individual sport.

Please note that your online registration is an **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST ONLY** and **MUST be approved by your child's school**. In order for your child to attend the nominated trial or event this may come down to the discretion of your school as to who is selected to attend the trial. In some sports only 2 students per school can be nominated. **Please complete all fields and especially "Representative Experience"**.

Your child's school will notify you one week prior to the trial date if your child is to attend to the Parramatta Diocesan trial for their selected sport by providing a trial information sheet.

Under no circumstances will a child be eligible to trial if the Online Registration Form has not been completed and approved by the school by the closing date.

Please contact your school sports coordinator for any further information.

Yours In Sport,

Margaret Thornton

Teaching Educator – Primary Sport

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