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Dear Families of Holy Family,

Term 1

4th February 2016

Issue 1, Week 2

Tuesday 9th February

Shrove Tuesday

Pancake Day

9am - Burning of the Palms

Wednesday 10th February

Ash Wednesday

7pm - Parent Information

Evening

Friday 12th February

School Census Day

2:20pm - Whole School

Assembly

Tuesday 16th February

Special Food Day

Wednesday 17th February

NRL Visit

Welcome back! I trust you all had a blessed Christmas followed by a chance to relax and enjoy some special times with family and friends.

I look forward to 2016 with great optimism and enthusiasm. We have a number of new members of staff (please see the following staff list) and a highly professional and passionate team of educators working with the children this year.

On a personal note I feel blessed to have been given the opportunity to work with this community. I am privileged to be a part of the 'Holy Family' family.

We have had a very positive start to the new school year! The children have settled well into their new classes. As I have moved around to each of the classes this week I have been inspired by the positive attitude to learning the children are demonstrating. It is a truly wonderful thing!

At the beginning of a new school year we extend an extra special welcome to the Vella family of Stage 1 as well as the 38 new Kindergarten children and their families to our school community. They've had a great start to their journey here at Holy Family. It is a unique opportunity to be able to share the journey with them! We're glad you are now members of our faith and learning community.

On Wednesday, 10th February there will be the Parent Teacher Information session to start the year. This is an important opportunity for the key supports for our students to come together and hear the plans and directions for the coming year. If you are unable to attend please ensure that your child/ren collect the information that will be provided so that you are aware of what is happening. To discuss matters in greater depth please make a time to meet with your child's teacher. We will meet at 7pm in the hall and then break into stage meetings. Each stage will repeat this information in a second presentation on the night.

Our first two days with the MAI assessments were a great success. I would like to thank all parents for your support of this initiative. As a result of these assessments, teachers have begun planning the next step in the learning and teaching cycle for each student.

2016 will be a year full of promise and possibilities; a chance to continue to deepen our faith as a Catholic community; continue to engage in diverse, challenging teaching; an opportunity for us to become the best learners we can be!

Throughout the year, our school will be a place where staff, students and families have opportunities to experience God's presence in their lives, through liturgy and prayer. Our opening school mass will be on Wednesday 10th February where we will welcome our new Kindergarten students, induct our Year 6 leaders and celebrate as a faith community. We warmly invite families to this and all celebrations to share in and witness our faith with the students.

Education today is a complex engagement because of the intensity and variety of external influences particularly through various forms of media and electronic communications. Our school has a special role in assisting every parent with the education of their children, so that all children will develop a sense of personal responsibility for themselves, others and the environment.

We all know that children receive the best education when parents and teachers work as a team. Parents' enthusiasm, support and involvement are integral to the success of our school as are the skills, dedication and professionalism of teachers. Together, staff and parents can provide educational excellence for every student, so that they can achieve their personal best.

At Holy Family

I Respect Myself

I Respect Others

I Respect the
Environment

I Respect Learning



Together, we can support one another to provide an inviting, collaborative learning environment and a place to celebrate our achievements.

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

Peace and best wishes for a wonderful year ahead!

Mr Anthony McElhone

Principal

Staffing for 2016

Principal	Mr Anthony McElhone
Assistant Principal	Mrs Jodie Van As
Religious Education Coordinator	Mr Ray McCauley
Early Stage 1	Mrs Annette Stein & Mrs Rosa Surace
Stage 1	Mrs Karen Ryan/Mrs Sharon Taylor (Fri) & Mrs Karlie Beckhaus* (Term 1)/Mrs Melissa Whitton
Stage 1/2	Mrs Julie McLean*, Mrs Shenelle Dyer (Mon, Tues, Wed)/Mrs Kylie Rix (Thurs,Fri)
Stage 2	Mr Ray McCauley (REC)/Mrs Angela Franich & Mrs Sarah Brennan
Stage 3	Mrs Stefanie Steele (Tues-Fri)/Mrs Sharon Taylor (Mon), Mr David Bullock & Mrs Paris Mayer

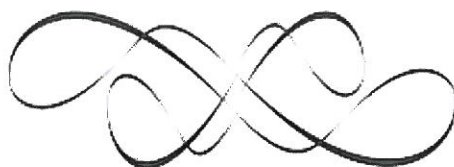
Support Programs

Learning Support	Mrs Wendy Steuart
EMU Teacher	Mrs Sarah Brennan
Teacher Assistants	Mrs Leanne Green, Mrs Annette Tillman & Miss Erica Miller*
Japanese	Mrs Amanda Miller* (Wednesday & Thursday)
Music/Drama	Ms Racquel Van Mullekom* (Wednesday & Thursday)
Library	Mrs Kylie Rix (Wednesday) & Mrs. Benita Sneesby (Wed & Thurs)
Admin Staff	Mrs Monica Miller (Mon-Fri), Mrs Marie Edwards (Mon-Thurs) & Mrs Despina Azzopardi (Tues-Wed)
Grounds	Mr Richard Ackroyd-Broadbent (Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri)

* New staff

Assembly

Our first Award Assembly for the year will be Friday 12th February, starting at 2.20pm. These assemblies will be mainly to acknowledge students achievement. Our usual procedure of notifying parents when their child/ren will be receiving awards will continue as in the past. We look forward to seeing parents joining us at these important community gathering times throughout the year.



General Information & Reminders

School Hours

Monday to Friday	9.00am - 3.15pm
Supervision begins	8.35am
Morning Tea	11.00am - 11.30am
Lunch Break	1.30pm – 2.10pm aaaa
Classroom pack-up	3.10pm
Dismissal	3.15pm



The school day begins with certain routines and activities e.g. prayer, roll call etc. so it is important 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.

Kiss & Drop Area

The Kiss & Drop area is located in the drive-through at the front of the courtyard. It has been established to assist with traffic flow in the car park and for parents who wish to drop off children without parking.

The important guidelines for using the Kiss & Drop zone are:

Kiss & Drop operates between 8.35am and 8.55am

Cars will follow in single file through the drop zone

Drivers should move as far as possible into the zone before stopping to allow children to get out

Children need to exit the car on the left-hand side so they are not walking behind or between cars using the zone

No overtaking of vehicles in the Kiss & Drop zone

Drivers need to stay in their car at all times – no parking is permitted in the Kiss & Drop

When leaving the Kiss & Drop zone be aware of other drivers and pedestrians using the car park

**KISS &
DROP**

Medical Forms & Medicare Number

Throughout the year there are occasions when students will attend excursions or represent the school at sporting or cultural events. Medical Notification Forms were sent home at the beginning of last year and are still on file for 2016. If your child's medical condition has changed over the last year, please contact the office and a new form will be sent home. All students new to the school will receive a Medical Notification Form today. Could you please complete and return these to the school office by Friday 12th February.



Notes and Newsletter Day

We will, as far as possible, continue to have one day in the week for sending home of information and notes. That day will be THURSDAY.

Sports Days

Early Stage 1	Wednesday/Friday
Stage 1	Thursday/Friday
Stage 1/2	Wednesday/Thursday
Stage 2	Thursday/Friday
Stage 3	Wednesday/Friday

The Uniform is available through Lowes at Penrith. It is as follows:

Girls: Check dress with navy tab tie

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

Navy school hat

Navy shorts

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

Navy school hat

Navy school sports shorts in summer, navy track pants in winter

Joggers/sandshoes (white or predominantly white)

Navy school hat



Hair cuts are to be appropriate for school. Mullets, spiking, no. 1 cuts, rat's tails, zig zags, mowhawks, razoring etc are not considered appropriate hair styles for school. Children with hair longer than collar length are to have it tied back with a ribbon or scrunchie in school colours. Hair is not to be coloured for either boys or girls. Your support with these uniform and grooming matters is appreciated.

Over the years the school has purchased a large amount of reading material for our students to add to our reading resources. These readers are a vital part of your child's reading development and it is important that one source of home reading be from class. Therefore, it is important that readers go home regularly and more importantly that readers are returned regularly and in good condition.

When readers are lost they need to be replaced at a cost to the school. If books are lost or returned in poor condition then a replacement fee of \$10 will need to be paid. Should a reader not be returned after the required time a letter informing the parent of the missing reader will be sent home. If the reader is still unable to be found parents will be invoiced the \$10 replacement fee.

Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Assistant Principal



Bus Travel

Opal Cards were sent home last week to all eligible students.

All new applications and students going from year 2 to 3 will have their School Opal Cards posted to their home address over the next 2 weeks.

Students who have been approved to travel on more than one operator or to more than one home address, for example where there is shared parental responsibility, should only receive a single Opal Card.

Any parents/guardians who are eligible for SSTS travel and have not already received a card sent to their home or school need to apply online at transportnsw.info/school-students



Appropriate Use of Photographs and Videos

This is a reminder to all parents, as we start the new year, about the appropriate use of digital images or video.

At this point there is no restriction on parents wishing to take and use photographs of their own *child or children* at school activities.

However, the use of photographs that include children other than your own, where permission has not been sought from the other child or children's parents is not acceptable. This is a significant breach of privacy and we all need to be aware and respect the privacy of others.

The school has a Media Consent form that gives all families the opportunity to inform the school as to your willingness to allow the use of your child's image by the school in promotional and advertising material. Forms were sent home at the beginning of last year and still hold current. All new students will complete them when completing the enrolment form.



It is possible that the taking of any digital image be it a still photograph or video at school events by parents and families may be prohibited if material is not handled and used appropriately. It would be unfortunate if this were to occur however, the privacy and security of others is an important consideration in respect to this matter.

SENSEI'S CORNER

Konnichiwa!" (Hello)

It is my pleasure to introduce myself as the K-6 Japanese Teacher (Sensei) for 2016. I have taught Japanese for the past two years at St Finbar's Primary school, Glenbrook. I have also been a K-6 Classroom Teacher for the past 13 years. I have a passion for all things "*Nihongo*" (Japanese) and I hope to share that with Holy Family this year.

We will be reviewing key Japanese greetings this term and our focus is on the Japanese Zodiac, "2016 - Year of the Monkey."

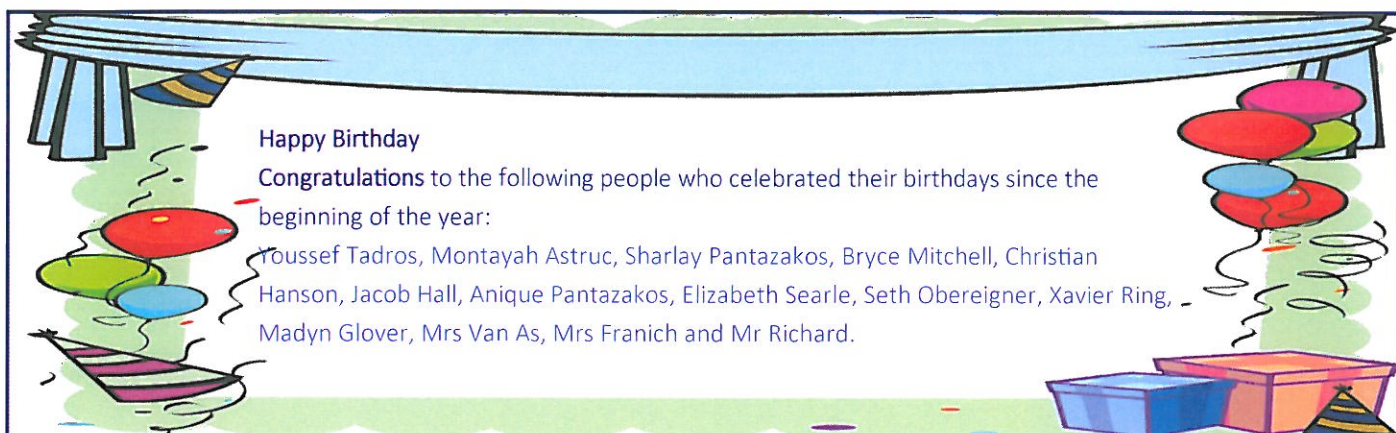
Your child will be given their own Japanese scrapbook this week. It is a very special book that reflects all of the important learning in the Japanese classroom. Can you please ensure that your child completes colouring in the title page and that the book is covered in clear contact. Can all books please be returned to Japanese next Wednesday, 10th February 2016.

"Arigatou!" (Thank you!)

I look forward to meeting you and sharing this year of learning with you and your child."

"Sayonara" (Goodbye),

Miller Sensei.



PRG Meeting Minutes Wednesday 3rd February

Present – Anthony McElhone, Marie Edwards, Julie Giugovaz, Sonia Dos Santos, Angela Finianos, Lisa Blackhurst, Luisa Franco, Maria Mammone, Lauren Andrews, Charmaine Rossetto, Rebecca Talbot, Margo Woodhead, Jo Ciber.

Apologies – Chris Sheil

Minutes

PRG Structure

Thank you once again to all our stage reps and helpers. We will allocate one event per stage, with the stage rep(s) coordinating the event.

Pancake Day (Stage 2 to coordinate)

Tuesday 9th February

Angela Finianos (Stage 2) to coordinate. As notes are returned they will be sent home to Angela. Angela and Louisa will cook some at home to make it easier on the day.

Marie to ask Richard to set up and clean the bbq. \$2 donation for Vinnies.

Some dairy and egg free pancakes will be available.

Grandparents Day (Stage 3 to coordinate)

Friday 11th March

Lisa Blackhurst (Stage 3) to coordinate. This will entail setting up/packing away morning tea etc. Hospitality staff from Caroline Chisholm will be here to help.

Mother's & Father's Day (Stage 1/2 to coordinate)

Thursday 5th May & Thursday 1st September

Lauren Andrews (Stage 1/2) to coordinate. There will be another meeting to discuss presents and set-up. Some great ideas happening.

Easter Raffle (Early Stage 1 to coordinate)

Thursday 24th March

Maria Mammone (Stage 1/2) and Luisa Franco (ES1) to coordinate wrapping of prizes.

Shade Structure Replacement

Currently in process of obtaining quotes.

Gingerbread Night

November

Charmaine Rossetto (Stage 1) to coordinate

Next Meeting Wednesday 2nd March

Agenda item – Current Reporting System

Daily Lunch Options Below

Sandwiches

- Tasty Cheese \$2.90
- Cheese & Tomato \$3.40
- Cheese, Ham, Tomato \$4.30
- Ham & Cheese \$3.90
- Chicken \$4.60
- Chicken, Lettuce, Mayo \$4.90
- Salad \$4.70
- Ham & Salad \$4.90
- Tuna \$3.50
- Tuna & Cheese \$4.20
- Vegemite \$2.60
- Vegemite & Cheese \$3.10
- Strawberry Jam \$2.90

Wraps

- Chicken Tender Wrap \$5.00
(crumbed tender
lettuce & mayo)
- Chicken & Salad Wrap \$5.00
(Grilled Chicken breast
and salad)
- Cheese & Salad Wrap \$5.00

Salad Boxes

- Green Salad \$4.00
- With chicken \$5.00
- With Ham \$4.80

Fruit & Salad

Seasonal fruits vary

- Slice Water Melon \$1.60
- Slinky Apple .50c
- Seedless Grape Cup \$1.50
- Banana .80c
- Vege Mix \$1.20
(Carrot & Cucumber)

Daily Hot Food

- * Sausage Roll \$3.50
- * Beef Meat pie \$3.50

Special Hot Food

Available on selected days

- * Fried Rice \$4.20
Available Monday

- * Bacon & Egg \$4.50
Sandwich
Available Tuesday

- * Cheesy Pizza \$4.50
Available Wednesday

- * Crumbed Chicken \$4.80
Tenders (x3)
Available Thursday

- * Pasta Napoli \$4.70
- * Pasta Meat Balls \$5.00
Available Friday

Frozen

- * Slushie (fruit Juice) \$1.50
- * Paddle Pops \$1.30
- * Lemonade Twist \$1.20
- * Mini Calippo \$1.00
- * Yo-Go Tube \$0.50c
- * Jelly Joy \$0.20c

Snacks

- ** Banana Bread \$2.00
- ** Rice Crackers \$1.50
- ** Cheese & Crackers \$1.50
- ** ovalteenies \$1.00
- ** Pretzels \$1.00
- ** Hello Panda \$1.00
- ** HOT Popcorn \$1.00
- ** Assorted Chips \$1.50
- ** Jelly Cup \$1.00
- ** Milky Way \$1.00

Drinks

- *Water \$1.00
- *Pop Top \$1.00
- * Milk \$1.50
Flavoured Light

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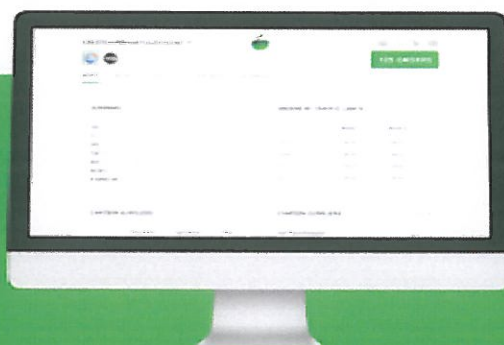
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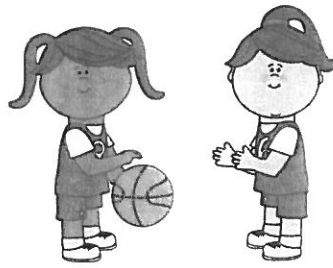
1. SELECT STUDENT

2. SELECT YOUR DATE

3. ADD YOUR ITEMS

4. CONFIRM

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St Nicholas Netball Club

2015 Registration

Tuesday 9th February 6-8 pm

Jamison Park Netball courts upstairs in Netball complex

New players need Birth Certificate and two passport size photos

Information Ring 0427606605 or email stnicholasnetball@gmail.com

Check information on our website

Register online before attending the Registration Night

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Family Fun with Father Giovanni

Saturday 13th February 2016

7.00 pm start - Holy Family School Hall

Adult - \$10.00

Children under 10 - \$5.00

This cost covers a light meal. Tea/Coffee included.

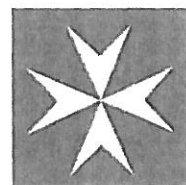
Drinks can be purchased on the night.

*For further information and bookings
please ring Rose Gauci on 0419 416 980*



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JANET BORG ON 0433 091 788.



HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL **TERM ONE AT A GLANCE**

2016

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY Sports Uniform Day Stg 3, Stg ES1 & S1/2 RFF Day	THURSDAY Sports Uniform Day Stg 2, Stg 1 & S1/2 RFF Day	FRIDAY Sports Uniform Day ES1, Stage 1, Stage 2 & Stage 3	SAT SUN
1 Jan	25 th School Holiday	26 th Public Holiday Australia Day	27 th MAI Day One	28 th MAI Day Two	29 th Students Return to School Kinder Welcome & Blessing in Church	30 th /31 st
2 Feb	1 st	2 nd Presentation of our Lord in the Temple	3 rd RFF Stg 3, Stg ES1 & S1/2 PRG Meeting 2.20pm	4 th RFF Stg 2, Stg 1 & S1/2 Music Bus Branches	5 th	6 th /7 th
3	8 th	9 th Shrove Tuesday Pancake Day Burning of the Palms 9am	10 th RFF Stg 3, Stg ES1 & S1/2 Ash Wednesday Parent Information Evening 7pm	11 th RFF Stg 2, Stg 1 & S1/2 Music Bus	12 th School Census Day School Assembly 2.20pm	13 th /14 th First Sunday of Lent
4	15 th	16 th Special Food Day	17 th RFF Stg 3, Stg ES1 & S1/2 Tracy @ HFS NRL visit	18 th RFF Stg 2, Stg 1 & S1/2 Music Bus Branches	19 th	20 th /21 st Second Sunday of Lent
5	22 nd	23 rd Nepean Zone Swimming Carnival	24 th RFF Stg 3, Stg ES1 & S1/2	25 th RFF Stg 2, Stg 1 & S1/2 Music Bus	26 th Diocesan Swimming Carnival HFS Clean Up Aus Day 2.30pm	27 th /28 th Third Sunday of Lent
6 Feb/ Mar	29 th	1 st	2 nd RFF Stg 3, Stg ES1 & S1/2 PRG Meeting 2.20pm	3 rd RFF Stg 2, Stg 1 & S1/2 Music Bus Branches	4 th School Assembly 2.20pm	5 th /6 th Fourth Sunday of Lent
7 Catholic Schools Week	7 th	8 th	9 th RFF Stg 3, Stg ES1 & S1/2	10 th RFF Stg 2, Stg 1 & S1/2 Music Bus	11 th Grandparent's Day Including Mass 9.30am, Performance and Book Fair	12 th /13 th Fifth Sunday of Lent
8	14 th	15 th Special Food Day	16 th RFF Stg 3, Stg ES1 & S1/2	17 th RFF Stg 2, Stg 1 & S1/2 Music Bus Branches	18 th School Cross Country 9.30am	19 th /20 th 19 th - St Patrick's Day 20 th - Palm Sunday
9 Holy Week	21 st Holy Week Prayer 9am	22 nd Holy Week Prayer 9am	23 rd RFF Stg 3, Stg ES1 & S1/2 Holy Week Prayer 9am	24 th Holy Thursday RFF Stg 2, Stg 1 & S1/2 Music Bus Easter Hat Parade 12.30pm Easter Raffle Holy Week Prayer 9am	25 th Public Holiday Good Friday	26 th /27 th Easter Sunday
10 Mar/Apr	28 th Public Holiday Easter Monday	29 th	30 th RFF Stg 3, Stg ES1 & S1/2	31 st RFF Stg 2, Stg 1 & S1/2 Music Bus Branches	1 st	2 nd /3 rd
11	4 th Annunciation of the Lord	5 th	6 th RFF Stg 3, Stg ES1 & S1/2 PRG Meeting 2.20pm	7 th RFF Stg 2, Stg 1 & S1/2	8 th Student's Last Day T1	9 th /10 th