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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Term 4

29th October 2015

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Friday 30th October

School Disco - Yr 6 Fundraiser

Tuesday 3rd November

6:00pm - Parent Information
Session - Literacy Writing

Wednesday 4th November

2:20pm - PRG Meeting

Thursday 5th November

9:00-11:00am
Kinder Orientation Session

Friday 6th November

AFL Clinic Kinder-K - 2

Tuesday 10th November

Stage 2 & 3 League Gala Day

Wednesday 11th November

Remembrance Day

Friday 13th November

2:20pm - Whole School
Assembly

Wednesday 18th November

Yr 6 Munch & Crunch
Fundraiser

Monday 30th November

Twilight Swimming Carnival

This weekend we celebrate All Saints Day.

We all need markers and guides to help us negotiate the business and complexity of life.

The saints can do this for us. 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 Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop who has been acknowledged 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 Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta who found richness in poverty and fulfilment 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.

During World Youth Day in 2013 Pope Francis spoke about everyday saints. Pope Francis said that these saints don't wear cassocks or veils they wear jeans and T-shirts. He called us all to be saints that are committed to our faith and beliefs but live in the 21st century with a spirituality appropriate to our new time. He challenged us all to be saints that advocate for social changes that make our communities fairer and more accepting of others.

All Saints Prayer

Father, All-Powerful and ever-living God,

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

I Respect Myself

I Respect Others

I Respect the
Environment

I Respect Learning

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

Kinder Orientation for 2016

Today and next Thursday we welcome new Kindergarten students for Kinder in 2016. These visits are a special time for families but can also be a nervous time for others. As teachers it is a great privilege to work closely with children and their families. To see the joy and happiness on the faces of the new Kinders as they take their first tentative steps into Kindergarten is a precious moment for all those involved.

Children not returning in 2016

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 2016 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 2016.

Earn & Learn

Many thanks to the families who supported this promotion. Thanks to your generosity the school has been able to purchase valuable mathematics equipment which will benefit the students by supporting their learning. The items purchased will be delivered early in the new school year.



Warragamba Community Christmas Carols

It is with great disappointment I must share that the Community Christmas carols will not be held this year at Warragamba. Due to circumstances beyond the control of the organisers they have opted to hold a smaller carols evening on the Saturday before Christmas, 20th December, at St Thomas' Church at Mulgoa. As this is the first weekend of the school holidays our School Choir will not be involved in 2015.



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. We minimise the possible impacts of allergic reactions to foods by encouraging 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.

Mrs Mayer is heading to World Youth Day 2016

World Youth Day is a gathering of young Catholics from around the world to join together to celebrate their faith. In 2016 the next WYD will be celebrated in Krakow Poland and Mrs Mayer will be among the pilgrims attending to represent the Diocese of Parramatta. WYD will be a significant opportunity for Mrs Mayer to grow in her faith and to return to our community to share this faith and her experiences. Among the experiences will be a mission visit to the island of Bohol in the Philippines which was devastated by an earthquake 2013. During this time Mrs Mayer will spend four days working with young people in schools, parishes, and orphanages looking to rebuild and provide hope for the future. As a diocesan wide initiative books of raffle tickets were sent home in Term 3 in support of pilgrims from the Parramatta Diocese attending WYD 2016. All the money raised from the sale of these tickets will be used by the school/parish to support Mrs Mayer. Your support is greatly appreciated.



Bus Travel

We received notification from Transport NSW regarding school travel. Please read the information below for more details.

We're writing to let you know the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure and the Minister for Education will announce the launch of the new School Opal card on Thursday 29 October.

The School Opal card will officially launch its new online application for relevant parents and students travelling in the Opal public transport region on Monday 2 November.

The application can be found at transportnsw.info/school-students

Just like current paper travel passes, the School Opal card gives eligible students free travel to and from school on school days. However, the School Opal card makes travel simpler, because now students don't need multiple application forms and passes if they use different transport operators within the Opal network.

*Students with school travel passes this year will **not** need to apply for a School Opal card unless they are changing schools, campus, their home address or moving **from year 2 to 3 or year 6 to 7**.*

Those students who do not need to apply will have a School Opal card sent to your school for the beginning of the first term in 2016.

More information will follow in the next few weeks to help with the transition.



SPORTS NEWS

STAGE 3 BASKETBALL

Congratulations to all the Stage 3 children who attended the Basketball Gala Day last week. Everybody had a great day and represented the school well. Thank you to Mrs Mayer and Mrs Steele who attended the day and managed all the teams.



STAGE 2 and 3 LEAGUE TOUCH

We currently have 3 teams attending this gala day on November 10th, the final gala day of 2015. If your son in Stage 2 is interested, we have a few spots left. Please see the office for a note. The boys are all very excited!



HFS TWILIGHT SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Our Twilight Swimming Carnival is being held on Monday 30th November at Ripples Pool in Penrith at 7pm. If your child is interested in competing please send in the note to school as soon as possible. There are spare notes in the office, if needed. Looking forward to seeing our keen swimmers on the night.



AFL AUSKICK CLINIC

AFL representatives will be visiting our school in our Week 6 Assembly. They will be hosting after school clinics on Thursday afternoons for 4 weeks, starting 19th November (Week 7). The cost is \$40.



Nicole Bray

Sports Coordinator

Teaching and Learning With Heart

Building an Ethic of Care

Why is my kid building patterns again? The Importance of Patterning.

This article is written for all those parents who have ever wondered why their child, whether in kindergarten, grade three, or grade seven, is exploring, identifying, creating, and naming patterns in Math class. It is also for the many teachers who want to help parents understand the importance of patterning.

Researchers say that when children explore and learn about patterns, we help them build important foundations for later number work. Creating, extending, naming, and talking about patterns help build strong mathematicians. Even the most scholarly mathematicians can be challenged with studying patterns. In many classrooms, students of all ages learn about patterns at the beginning of their school year. Patterns are at the heart of math. The ability to recognize and create patterns help us make predictions based on our observations; this is an important skill in math. Understanding patterns help prepare children for learning complex number concepts and mathematical operations.



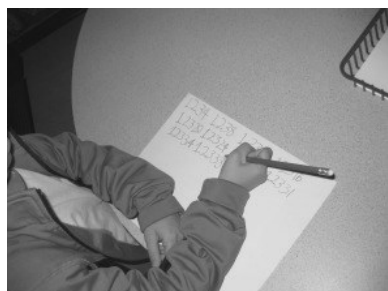
Our BC Math Curriculum, from kindergarten to grade seven, identifies and describes the big ideas behind the tasks and activities students are engaged in and working on in their classrooms. These big ideas are:

We use patterns to represent identified regularities and to form generalizations. Patterns allow us to see relationships and develop generalizations.

Patterns are everywhere! From the very simple patterns that repeats with two or three elements, to repeating patterns with multiple elements and attributes. Students learn to identify and create increasing and decreasing patterns, to name rules for patterns with words, numbers, symbols, and variables. Older students learn to record and manipulate number patterns using tables, charts, and graphs. Learning about patterns provides students with an understanding of mathematical relationships, which is a basis for understanding algebra, analyzing data, and solving complex mathematical problems.

We find patterns in math, but we also find patterns in nature, art, music, and literature. Patterns provide a sense of order in what might otherwise appear chaotic. Researchers have found

that understanding and being able to identify recurring patterns allow us to make educated guesses, assumptions, and hypothesis; it helps us develop important skills of critical thinking and logic. The knowledge and understanding of patterns can be transferred into all curriculum areas and open many doors where this knowledge can be applied.



2016 Parramatta Diocesan Team Sport Trials



Catholic Education
Diocese of Parramatta

Any Primary students enrolled in Year 5 and 6 in 2016 are invited to participate in the Parramatta Diocesan Team Sport Trials during Term Four in 2015 and Term One in 2016.

It is important to note that these trials are generally for those children who display an above average ability and/or have representative experience in their chosen sport. While teams are open in age it is **strongly recommended that only children of a representative standard in Years 5 & 6 in 2016 be invited to attend.**

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 2016 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. Each sport has its own criteria therefore, it is imperative that the correct form is completed.

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.

Currently only the Summer Sports of BASKETBALL, CRICKET, SOFTBALL & TENNIS are open and registrations close on Friday 30th October as these trials will be held in November 2015.

All other sport registrations will open on 2nd November for 2016 trials.

Please contact your school sports coordinator for any further information.

Yours In Sport,

Margaret Thornton

Teaching Educator – Primary Sport

Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta

Academic Achievement Awards

Congratulations Academic Achievement Awards Recipients

Matilda Calderwood Indyarna Cefai Elisabeth Franco Joshua Ponting Joseph Camilleri Kiesha McMahon Lily-Belle Lewis Brayden Hodgetts Nakita Guedes	Taylah Hosking Adison Jones Alicia Buttigieg Alex Hanson Ryan Azzopardi Alyse Penza Talyse Pantazacos Emily Vella Isaac Lago	Olivia Nand Lachlan Bartak Caleb Guedes Jesse Favotto
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One Heart One Mind Awards

Congratulations One Heart One Mind Awards Recipients

Diana Baric Talia Evans Satyana Guedes Gideon Moore Nicholas Moore Audrey Cocks Luke Cassar Austen Pantazacos James Gunther	Braden Ford Jack O'Hara Matthew Urschel Suzie Mammone Angela Baric Dominic Bruni Andrea Surace Jordan Ford Kaitlyn Vella	Emily Ciber Luke Gauci Noah Klaser Amelia Vella
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Principals Awards

The following students have received a Principals Medallion at our last school assembly.
This award recognises students for their exemplary behaviour and achievement.



James Macri
Patrick Vial

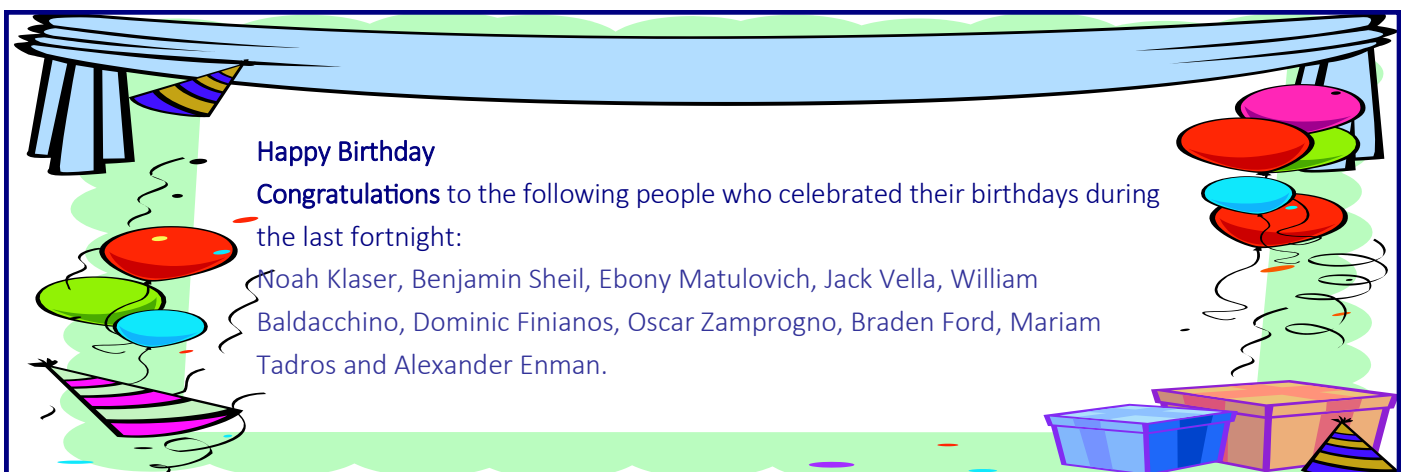
Emily Borg
Steven Borg

Jesse Penza
Noah Klaser

Happy Birthday

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

Noah Klaser, Benjamin Sheil, Ebony Matulovich, Jack Vella, William Baldacchino, Dominic Finianos, Oscar Zamprogno, Braden Ford, Mariam Tadros and Alexander Enman.



Bring a blanket or
blanket and enjoy
your and enjoy
chair's minutes
a cozy Christmas
family night out!



Christmas Tree Lighting

FRIDAY 6TH | 5PM - 10PM
NOVEMBER | POP UP PARK

outside Selected Shoe Warehouse

MC
TAMARA
MILES

FREE COMMUNITY
CONCERT
6PM-9PM
FOR ALL
THE FAMILY

FOOD &
MARKET
STALLS
5PM-10PM



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ARRIVING
AT 8PM

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ROAM
AROUND
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OPP

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NAB AFL Auskick is a great way to have fun,
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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.

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